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Incentives for Arab investment studied

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TAJIF, March 31 — After an initial broad assessment of the investment climate in the Arab world, the three-day convention developed into a forum for exchange of ideas between government officials and businessmen here Tuesday. While officials detailed investment incentives and infrastructure facilities in their respective countries, businessmen pointed out specific problems they have faced in the past and asked what could be done to overcome them.

The morning sessions were devoted to speakers from Jordan, North Yemen, Tunisia and Sudan who gave accounts of what their governments have done to welcome investment. They described the conditions of political stability, economic health, natural and manpower resources and infrastructure facilities.

Presiding over the deliberations, Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawud, leader of the Kingdom's delegation, gave opportunity for members of the audience to ask specific questions.

Situation still tense

Pro-Israeli leader hurt in West Bank car blast

TEL AVIV, March 31 (Agencies) — A leader of the Israeli-created village league and the council president of the West Bank town of Taramyia was injured Wednesday when his car exploded, Israeli radio said here.

Kamal Fataha was being treated at a hospital, and an investigation was under way, the army confirmed. Mustapha Dudin, the leader of the village league, blamed the attack on Jordan which, along with several Palestinian groups, has denounced the village league for collaborating with Israeli occupation forces. Jordan has given anybody who agreed to join the league until April 9 to resign or face death for treason.

Meanwhile, Arab shops and public offices in the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, as the worst uprising in 15 years of Israeli occupation slowed. Rashad Al Shawa, the mayor of Gaza, said tension continued. He said trade in the West Bank had remained paralyzed.

Incidents of violence were reported and one person was wounded by gunfire in a Palestinian refugee camp north of Jerusalem.

The atmosphere was particularly tense in El Bireh, Nablus and Ramallah, the three towns whose mayors were ousted last week, setting off widespread general strikes and violence. Municipal employees were refusing to cooperate with the Israeli civilian administrators named to replace the three mayors. Some employees said they had been forcibly sent to their desks and added that they had refused to work. In all three towns, Israeli armored vehicles patrolled the towns along with Israeli soldiers.

Municipal employees in El Bireh accused the Israeli replacement there, Yusef Bar-Kochba, of having held them in their offices from 10 p.m. Tuesday night to 5 a.m. Wednesday, and of insulting and slapping them. The army did not comment on these charges, made to foreign journalists.

Meanwhile, Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon said in several interviews that he intended to use strict measures against Palestinians.

Meanwhile, in Beirut, the Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat said Israel would have to destroy the entire Arab world to wipe out the PLO. Arafat was addressing a rally.

New anti-cancer drug developed

EAST LANSING, Michigan, March 31 (AP) — The development of a new anti-cancer drug series was announced Wednesday by Michigan State University researchers. The new drugs will be based on palladium, a rare chemical cousin of platinum, the researchers said in a statement on their findings.

The researchers said years of clinical experiments on human cancer would be needed before the drugs could be considered safe or effective for human use. They said they hoped the new compounds would work against intestinal cancers — tumors for which the widely used drug Cisplatin is not effective.

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Arab ministers confirm support

TUNIS, March 31 (AP) — Arab foreign ministers, ending a special meeting early Wednesday on the crisis in the West Bank, called on governments to provide moral, political and economic help to strengthen resistance in all territories occupied by Israel, including Syria's Golan Heights.

The resolution, which was adopted also condemned the United States for aiding the Zionist state and called for pressure to be put on other nations that support "the Zionist entity."

Arab countries were asked to step up cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization, including allowing the commandos "facilities to intensify the armed struggle in occupied territories." Jordan and Lebanon expressed reservations on this point.

The ministers reaffirmed their opposition to the U.S.-sponsored Camp David peace process involving Egypt and Israel and expressed the hope that Egypt would rejoin the Arab camp. The resolution said Arab states would pursue efforts to get the United Nations to examine the situation in Israeli-occupied areas, including summoning a special session of the General Assembly to obtain sanctions against Israel.

U.K. sends N-sub to Falklands

LONDON, March 31 (AFP) — Britain appeared determined Wednesday to match Argentine muscle flexing over the Falkland Islands, with a nuclear-powered submarine reportedly speeding to the South Atlantic.

The ministry of defense has refused to confirm or deny the report on independent television here, but leaks from sources close to the government indicated that the Hunter Class submarine, specialized in tracking other subs, would be off the Falklands by Saturday. The sources added that a sister vessel, the Gibraltar-based submarine, *The Superb*, might be sent out to join it, along with several destroyers and frigates.

London has only officially announced the dispatch of a civilian-manned tanker to the Falklands, but the vessel is presumably intended to service other ships which might be sent out as part of the "precautionary measures" which Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington announced in the House of Lords Tuesday.

Rushing back from Brussels Tuesday to address the Lords, the foreign secretary

U.S. faces China's ire

PEKING, March 31 (AP) — Communist China's official Xinhua News Agency indicated Wednesday that the government might withdraw its ambassador from Washington if U.S. arms sales to Republic of China — Taiwan — are not stopped.

It was the clearest public indication so far of specific steps the Communist government might take to protest the arms sales. The Communists considered Taiwan a province of their country and regarded the sales as interference in Peking's sovereignty over the island, seat of the rival nationalist Chinese government. Official statements have talked about possible retrogression or deterioration in U.S.-Communist China relations without discussing specific actions.

Xinhua gave the indication in quoting from an editorial in the Australian newspaper the *Sydney Morning Herald*. It said "the editorial drew attention to the fact that Peking means what it says about withdrawing its ambassador from Washington if the arms sale (to Taiwan) goes through." It did not mention any request for withdrawal of the U.S. ambassador in Peking, Arthur Hummel Jr. A formal downgrading of relations presumably would require this, although Communist China's ambassador could be recalled as a protest without a formal downgrading.

Communist China and the United States are negotiating the Taiwan issue, with the Peking demanding a time limit for a halt to

arms sales to the island of 18 million people. An official magazine quoted Communist Party Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping last week as saying the Communist state had no room to maneuver on the arms issue and if relations deteriorate, "so be it. That's not so terrible. The Chinese nation will still exist, I think."

The Taiwan issue was left unsettled when Washington broke official ties with Taipei on Jan. 1, 1979, to establish full diplomatic relations with Peking. The United States recognized the nationalists as China's legitimate government for more than 30 years following the Communists' civil war victory in 1949.

A key element in Communist China-U.S. relations has been a shared wariness of the Soviet Union. But in recent months, the Communists have charged that U.S. foreign policy bungling has damaged efforts for the broadest possible international united front to check what it calls Soviet expansion and aggression. Peking also has complained that the U.S. government has been slow in approving sales of advanced technology to help Communist China's modernization drive.

A defense ministry spokesman in Peking confirmed Wednesday that a U.S. Lockheed C-130 military transport made a demonstration flight here last fall for the Communist army.

PLO bid to end Yemen crisis

KUWAIT, March 31 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was reported Wednesday to be dispatching its number two man to the two Yemens, in an effort to avert a Red Sea war, as King Hussein of Jordan warned that "Soviet alliances" were threatening a superpower confrontation in the area.

The Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Anba* said PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has instructed his right-hand deputy Salah Khalaf, now in Kuwait, "to proceed immediately" to North and South Yemen to urge them to "refrain from acts that could push matters to the brink of war."

"The South is supporting the insurgent National Democratic Front in North Yemen, which Kuwaiti press reports say has been involved in fighting with government forces

in recent weeks. The two Yemens, which control Gulf oil lanes to Europe through the Bab Al-Mandab Straits and the Suez Canal, fought a border war in 1979. They announced last year that they have agreed to an eventual merger.

Meanwhile, King Hussein warned that the danger of a superpower confrontation in the Middle East was increasing as a result of the Soviet presence in Afghanistan "and the possibility of its getting to Iran." "If Soviet forces reach the Hormuz Straits, the Red Sea and Bab Al-Mandab, this will require the presence of the other side (the United States) in the area — something which will create an extremely dangerous situation for the volatile region," Hussein said in an interview with the Jordanian magazine *Al Ofof*.

Siberia pollution hits babies

MOSCOW, March 31 (R) — The rapid development of Siberia's natural resources has brought a serious upsurge in genetic defects in new-born babies and a rise in mortality rates among workers there, according to a Soviet scientist.

Professor Vili Kaznacheyev, in an unprecedented frank account of the effects of pollution in the Soviet Union, said the health of future generations was at risk. Professor Kaznacheyev, head of the Institute of Clinical and Experimental Medicine at the Siberian branch of the Academy of Sciences, was speaking in a round-table interview with the Siberian academic journal *Eko*.

His remarks, clearly not intended for consumption by the general public, contrasted with recent appeal by Soviet leaders for a swift expansion of industry and pointed to a growing high-level debate on the conduct of Siberian development plans.

The professor said health problems were particularly acute in the south-west Siberian Kuznetsk (Kuzbass) — a key coal and chemicals area with a population of about 1.5 million. "If we considered the Kuzbass as a giant plant producing health, then we would have to say it is turning out rubbish, irreparable rubbish. This is driving people away and causing an accumulation of genetic defects," he said.

Professor Kaznacheyev said the problem could not be attributed to any lack of medical facilities. "Even in those areas where we can speak of the highest concentration of medical services in the world we have a rather high sickness rate, the mortality rate is growing and some forms of disease have become chronic," he said.

The professor gave no details of the genetic defects but said that various difficulties were causing women to delay the birth of their first babies.

"First births are producing an increased

number of defects and ailments and in this way we are transporting in healthiness into the future," he said.

He was supported by Prof. V. Bessonenko, a Kuznetsk-based specialist in industrial ailments, who said financial pressure was forcing some ministries to keep pre-war factories running and only a few cleaner plants had been commissioned. Only 12 percent of workers questioned in the city of Novokuznetsk in the Kuzbass considered their factory managers were giving enough facts about pollution of the environment, he said.

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As Jordan pledges support

Iraq vows to fight on despite retreat

BAGHDAD, March 31 (Agencies) — Iraqi officials said here Wednesday that the withdrawal of Fourth Brigade of the army from the central sector of the Iran-Iraq war-front was tactical and in no way affected Iraq's firm determination to fight on in the 18-month-old war.

They said the 4th Corps had been pulled back in order to give it some rest after it had destroyed enemy forces.

The Iraqi News Agency said Wednesday that during the latest battles in the Iranian oil-producing province of Khuzistan, Iraqi troops had destroyed 246 Iranian tanks and captured 58 others in good enough condition to use. The agency, quoting a military spokesman, said the Iraqis had also destroyed 142 armoured personnel carriers, 36 artillery pieces, and nine rocket bases.

The officials also said Jordan has restated its support for Iraq after a week-long Iranian offensive in the Gulf war.

King Hussein of Jordan, who arrived in Baghdad Tuesday told Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Jordan would spare no effort in support of Iraq in its battle with Iran, they added. The officials said President Saddam briefed the king on developments at the battlefront.

The withdrawal was revealed in a lengthy message from the Iraqi president to his 4th Army Corps which had been entrenched deep inside the Iranian oil province of Khuzestan near the towns of Dezful and Shush. "We in the general command have

decided to rearrange your defensive positions to the rear after your strong blows absorbed the advance of the enemy," he said.

President Saddam did not say how far the 4th Corps had pulled back saying only: "We have chosen and will choose the ground on which we stand, whether in their territory or on the borders."

Reacting to the Iraqi move, Iranian President Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei said Wednesday his country's forces would not move into Iraq after their offensive in the Gulf war, Tehran radio reported.

The radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in London, quoted the president as saying the Muslims of Iraq were Iran's brothers — "our support for them does not mean that we will take our forces inside Iraqi territory." The broadcast said Hojatoleslam Khamenei emphasized that Iran had no designs on Iraqi territory. "We announce that we have no intention of usurping Arab lands," he said.

King reassured

RIYADH, March 31 (SPA) — King Khaled telephoned President Saddam Hussein Wednesday night and talked with him about the situation along the Iraqi-Iranian borders. President Saddam reassured the King that Iraq controlled the situation completely and has taken steps to consolidate the position of the gallant Iraqi forces.

U.S. agrees to rush arms if S. Korea is threatened

SEOUL, March 31 (Agencies) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Wednesday that a new Korea-U.S. agreement covering expeditious transfer of war material to South Korea in case of emergency should be seen as a "serious warning" to North Korea.

In a joint communique issued earlier with South Korean Defense Minister Choo Yong-Bock, Weinberger had pledged to modernize U.S. forces in South Korea and to continue efforts to upgrade American ground combat forces and deploy more modern combat planes in the country.

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ton and Seoul remained firmly united to resist and repel any aggression and to maintain peace on the Korean peninsula.

"It is a unique instrument. The U.S. has no such arrangement with any other countries, and the agreement means that the U.S. will transfer very substantial stocks of war material much more quickly in the event of emergency," said Weinberger.

Most of these stocks are pre-positioned in South Korea to ensure their ready availability, and the value of additional material to be transferred during the first few hours of an emergency is expected to be about \$2,000 million, a U.S. official in Weinberger's party said.

The Koreans did gain Weinberger's support to seek from the U.S. treasury lower interest rates for South Korean purchase loans from the United States as well as expanded use of Korean industrial plants to maintain the equipment of U.S. military forces in Korea.

President in good cheer

Year passes after attack on Reagan's life

By Catherine Raia
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 31 — One year ago yesterday, President Ronald Reagan emerged from the Washington Hilton Hotel on a drizzly, gray day and faced the shocking onslaught of gunfire.

The fear of losing another president in office and the horror at the discovery that its public life is not spared from the violence of madness pervaded the country. Miraculously, Reagan survived the gunshot wounds. "I realize it was a year ago," Reagan said on the first anniversary of the March 30, 1981, attempt on his life. "It seems a lot longer and I feel fine."

James Brady, his press secretary who incurred more serious wounds, has gone through a much more slow, painful, often courageous period of recovery. His job at the White House waits for him, heckoning him to get well.

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Kingdom, Sierra Leone condemn Israel's acts

RIYADH, March 31 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Sierra Leone denounced the Israeli annexation of Arah Jerusalem and the Syrian Golan Heights, describing the move as a violation of U.N. resolutions and international laws and norms.

In a joint communique, issued here Tuesday night at the end of Sierra Leone President Siaka Stevens' visit to the Kingdom, the two countries called for total Israeli withdrawal from all Arah lands occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem. The two countries also urged recognition of the legitimate Palesti-

nian rights including the right to establish their own independent state under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The communique said the two countries deplored Zionist repression and criminal acts against the Arab Palestinians in the West Bank and occupied Palestine.

President Stevens expressed his full backing to the Arab peace plan for the Middle East introduced by Saudi Arabia. I was described as "a good initiative for achieving just and comprehensive peace in the region." The president also wished great success to the Gulf Cooperation Council for ensuring stability and prosperity for the peoples of the region.

The two countries stressed that Gulf security should be the sole responsibility of the region's people, away from any foreign intervention. The communique said the two sides strongly condemned the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and called for an immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from the Muslim country. "Saudi Arabia and Sierra Leone highlighted the necessity of further consolidation and continuation of constructive Afro-Arab cooperation," it added.

President Stevens commended King Khalid's persistent efforts for cementing Islamic solidarity and his contribution to the progress and prosperity of the Islamic nation and welfare of humanity as a whole. "The two sides have agreed on promotion of cooperation between them in the cultural and economic fields and increasing bilateral contacts with the aim of enhancing cooperation between their private sectors," the communique added.

Naif holds talks with Pakistani, Palestine team

RIYADH, March 31 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif held talks on developing cooperation in manpower with Pakistan's Lahor Minister Ghulam Dastgir. The visiting Pakistani minister called in at the interior minister's office here Wednesday.

Prince Naif welcomed the presence of Pakistani workers in the Kingdom saying "we are bound together by the Islamic faith." He called on the Pakistani expatriates to give an honorable picture of their country.

A similar plea was made by Dastgir at a reception here Tuesday night. He urged Pakistani workers to strictly abide by the rules and regulations of the Kingdom so as to create greater goodwill between the two countries. The minister commended the Kingdom's measures to ensure the welfare of foreign workers, "and Pakistani manpower in particular."

In another development, Prince Naif met Tuesday with Khalil Al-Wazir, deputy commander general of revolutionary Palestinian forces and a member of the central committee of Fatah, and his delegation. The meeting was attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal. Following the meeting, Prince Naif said talks centered on bilateral relations between the Kingdom and the PLO. "The talks were frank and clear and viewpoints on the Palestinian issue were identical," he added.

Ibn Baz lectures on Quran-science link

DAMMAM, March 31 (SPA) — Modern scientific theories can be interpreted in the light of the Holy Quran which is the origin of everything, but the reverse would be wrong, according to Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Baz, president of the departments of scholarly research, religious ruling call to Islam and guidance.

In an open dialogue with the students of King Faisal University here, Sheikh Abdul Aziz also proposed a number of ways to bring down a bride dowry in Saudi Arabia. He replied to questions on the intellectual invasion Islamic countries are undergoing and the best means to counter and combat it.

Jazaeri flies to Kuwait

RIYADH, March 31 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri left here Tuesday for Kuwait to attend the current session of second international conference on Islamic medicine which began Sunday.

The health minister also will preside over a conference on medical research and contributions of Arab Muslim doctors.

Authorities discount petrol stations fraud

RIYADH, March 31 — Inspectors of the Commerce Ministry's consumer protection department Wednesday ruled out the possibility of fraud when samples taken at various gas stations in Saudi Arabia were found to contain an average 5 percent of water.

The department's director, Saleh Al-Uwain, told *Al-Riyadh* that the low average of water mixed with gasoline proved that fraud is a remote possibility. The reasons could be that the Petromin tankers carrying fuel to gas stations could have been used to transport water before. Consequently, Petromin has been asked to abide by the specifications. The cause also may be that cars' gas tanks are not well sealed and that water leaks

in during washing. A third possibility is that storm water might have infiltrated the stations' earth reservoirs because of inadequate maintenance.

In another development, a merchant was found to have imported one million chickens slaughtered more than six months ago which is contrary to the Commerce Ministry's regulations. The chickens imported to Saudi Arabia must have not been slaughtered more than 90 days before import. Therefore, the merchant was compelled to return the SR4 million shipment to its origin.

Another merchant in Jeddah was found to have imported from Southeast Asia perfumes which are an imitation of famous French

brands. Inspectors also seized with him counterfeit shampoos of Sunsilk brand and cassettes imported from Singapore but bearing a "made in Japan label." The merchant was asked to return the shipments and to undertake in writing not to import such goods again or face sanctions that include prison up to one year and heavy fines.

Arab bank plans new loan system

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 31 — The Arab National Bank has introduced a new plan for small-scale entrepreneurs and farmers. Under the plan, launched recently, small-scale traders are eligible for loans ranging from SR100,000 to SR200,000 repayable in easy instalments.

The response has been encouraging, according to Farouk Abdel Majeed, banks managing director. He said loans totaling SR6 millions were disbursed. Easy availability of the loans on the basis of personal guarantee is said to be responsible for the success of the plan.

Royal land grantees to receive plots

ALKHOBAR, March 31 (SPA) — The Municipality of Alkhobar and its dependencies are distributing land to those for whom royal orders had been earlier issued, Abdul Rahman Al-Rajeh, Alkhobar mayor, said Tuesday.

He said that 300 plots with areas ranging from 875 sq. meters to 1,600 sq. meters will be given in the first instalment. All necessary services have been provided for the plan, he added. Rajeh said the municipality is now distributing these lands to the needy adding

that the matter has been referred to the notary public for the preparation of documents.

Rajeh said the municipality will soon distribute the second instalment of the land plots in Azizah area. The plan has more than 3,000 plots which will be given to the deserving after the completion of regular formalities.

Meanwhile, the municipality has asked those entitled to such plots to come with a copy of their identity cards, enabling the formalities to be completed.

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SR580m contract let for Taif work

JEDDAH, March 31 (SPA) — A SR580 million contract was signed here Wednesday with a specialist company for implementing the Taif water and sewage purification plant project. The contract was signed by Makkah Governor Prince Majed who also is chairman of the Western Region Water and Sewage Authority.

Sheikh Fahd Al-Hamad Al-Sulaiman, the authority's director general, said that the contract, to be implemented in three years, is the first of these phases of an overall scheme for Taif. The whole scheme will cost SR3 billion, he said. "Once these projects are completed, Taif will have been provided with all water and sewage networks," Sulaiman said.

The contract is one of a series approved during a meeting of the authority board here last week. The commissioning of 14 major projects was endorsed at a total cost of SR4.5 million to serve Jeddah, Makkah and Taif. A supervision contract for Taif's project also has been approved.

SR240m Jouf power project commissioned

RIYADH, March 31 (SPA) — The General Electricity Corporation has recently awarded a SR240 million contract for Jouf power plant project to a national company. It was announced here Wednesday.

The project includes the supply and installation of 1,003-km aerial network of power cables, 553 transformers and eight transformer plants for the directors met here Tuesday under its governor, Mahmoud Tayba, and agreed to appoint nationals holding primary and intermediate school certificates for training at the Kingdom's various vocational centers.

IDB approves financing for member states

JEDDAH, March 31 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank's board of executive directors concluded 55th session here Wednesday by agreeing to finance a number of projects in several member states.

The board, which began its deliberations Tuesday under IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, approved a loan of \$3.33 million to Djibouti to help in the expansion of a power generating plant in the capital city. It also agreed to finance the purchase of four fishing boats for Libya at a cost of \$20 million. The boats will be used to catch fish in territorial waters and high seas.

The board further approved a financial grant of \$5 million to Oman and \$11.5 million to the Turkish Industrial Development Bank to help its projects. It agreed to contribute in the capital of Bangladesh's Sonali Company for the manufacture of compressed paper with a sum of \$1,036,000. This will

help enhance the annual productive capacity to 15,000 tons.

The bank agreed to give \$380,000 worth of technical assistance to Niger to finance a feasibility study of a 95-km road project in that country. It also approved a grant of \$300,000 for the establishment of one more Arab-Islamic school in Togo's capital city of Lome for 700 to 800 students. Agreement also was reached to finance a fisheries project in West Africa with \$3.2 million.

In the sphere of foreign trade, the board approved financing of crude oil imports for Turkey from Iraq at a cost of \$35 million. It also agreed to finance the import of fishing boats for Algeria from Tunisia with \$2.4 million.

In this session, the board approved IDB's draft cooperation agreement with the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to facilitate agricultural development and

technical cooperation in those countries which are members of both the organizations.

IDB has similar agreements with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Industrial Development Organization. The draft treaty with FAO will be placed before the board of governors for ratification in its upcoming meeting scheduled for Istanbul, Turkey.

With the approval of these projects, the IDB will have financed 21 projects in the member states since the beginning of this year, with a total sum of \$127.17 million. In addition, it financed nine foreign trade operations with a capital of \$155.4 million.

Committee probes environment health

DAMMAM, March 31 (SPA) — A meeting of the environmental health committee of the Eastern Province was held here Wednesday chaired by Abdul Rahman Al-Shuhail, director general of municipal and rural affairs of the province.

The meeting discussed the taking over of waters reservoirs and pumping installations project in Iyuu, Uman and Rumanah in the Abha district at a cost of SR700,000.

The committee approved the formation of a special committee for taking over water and drainage project of Khreiji and Muaidid area in Damman, implemented by a local firm at a cost of SR13 million. Discussion also was held on the ways of eliminating swamps in Zone No. 8 and 85 in Damman, besides approving the taking over of a water purification plant project in Nuairiah at a cost of nearly SR750,000.

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Unaizah. He met with farmers and discussed ways of developing agriculture in the region. He promised them to meet their requirements which will help in the growth of agriculture.

QATIF (SPA) — A training course has been organized for girl students of secondary stage by the local social service center in cooperation with town's women committee. The three-week course has been joined by 60 students of both science and arts subjects under a program of intensive studies.

MAKKAH (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, met with Malaysian Charge d'Affaires Zaki Abu Bakr here Wednesday. They discussed the activities of the local mosques council set up by the MWL in Malaysia. Talks also covered the possibility of cooperation between the MWL and Malaysian universities in the grant of scholarships to Malaysian Muslims. Organizing training courses for the imams and preachers in Malaysia next year was discussed at the meeting.

RIYADH — The Saudi Arabian Standards Organization (SASO) participated in the administrative development programs organized by the Institute of Public Administration in Riyadh recently through a series of lectures on the administrative process by the financial and administrative counselor.

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In 3 months Imports reach SR5.55b

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 31 — Saudi Arabia imported goods worth more than SR5.55 billion during the first quarter of the current year, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) announced here Wednesday.

The information was contained in the statements submitted by the customs department to the Ministry of Finance and National Economy. The statements were prepared on the basis of the import/export lists supplied by the importers to customs centers.

The commodities include 373,700 tons of foodstuffs; 1,493,000 head of cattle; 1,032 cars and 3,134,000 tons of iron and

cement. Meanwhile, the container cargo service between Dammam and Riyadh, introduced by the Government Railroad Organization (GRO) in April, 1981, has shot up from 186 containers in the first month to 1,756 in February of this year, according to GRO officials.

Muhammad Zafer Qahtani, manager of Riyadh railroads, told Arab News Wednesday that so far 1,653 has been transported this month. He said the railroad carries general mixed cargo of steel, lumber and other goods of about 1,000 tons per day. There has been an increase of 30 percent in the freight traffic over the last year, he said.

Rolls-Royce lands Saudia order

LONDON, March 31 (R) — Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia) has awarded a £25 million (\$45 million) contract to Rolls-Royce to equip an overhaul base for RB211 aero engines, the British company announced Wednesday.

The airline is the largest operator in the Middle East of wide-bodied Boeing 747 and

Lockheed TriStar airliners powered by these engines. The company said the new facility is being designed by Saudi and Rolls-Royce would initially train Saudi personnel in Britain until they become self-sufficient in the area. The first phase of the new project will start in September with about 95 people at the base.

Mansouri, Chinese official confer

TAIPEI, March 31 (SPA) — Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri conferred Tuesday with his Chinese counterpart Lien Chan on the existing technological cooperation and exchange programs. They also discussed ways to identify further areas

of cooperation between the two countries. Meanwhile, Dr. T.C. Hsu, director-general of the Chinese health department, arrived in Hofuf Tuesday on a five-day visit to the Kingdom at the invitation of Saudi Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi.

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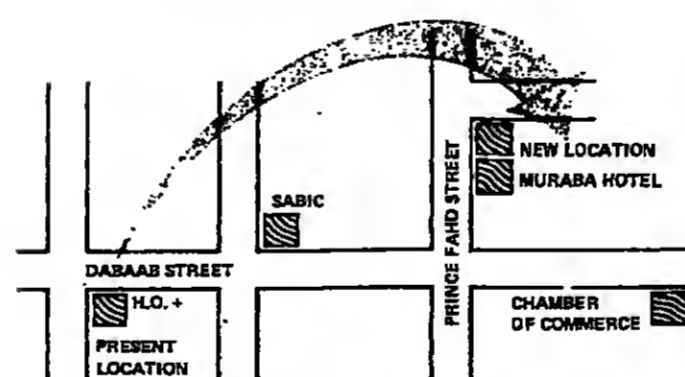
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PLO leader urges use of force against Israel

TUNIS, March 31 (Agencies) — A Palestinian leader said Tuesday night that Arab territories occupied by Israel in 1967 could be recovered only by force.

Faruk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) political department, said that what had been taken by force could be recovered only by force. He was addressing a special Arab League meeting which opened in Tunis to discuss ways of supporting the current mass uprising in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Kaddoumi said that "co-existence with Israel is a myth" and called for Arab military and financial support to what he called the people's uprising in occupied Arab territories. The Tunis conference was requested by the PLO last week.

The PLO submitted to the meeting a document calling for the opening of the borders of the frontline states — Syria, Lebanon and Jordan — to Palestinian commandos so they could extend their military operations

Sri Lanka to elevate PLO status

COLOMBO, March 31 (AFP) — Sri Lanka is to grant full diplomatic recognition to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), it was reported here Wednesday.

Sri Lanka's decision is expected to be announced by foreign Minister Shabul Hameed at the meeting of nonaligned foreign ministers in Kuwait next week, the mainly government-owned *Daily News* said quoting diplomatic sources. The PLO has maintained a resident mission in Colombo for about

against Israel, conference sources said. It also urged the Arab states to condemn what is regarded as the American support of Israel's policies.

Meanwhile, in Cairo, Dr. Sayed Nofal, who is secretary general of the League of Islamic and Arab states said Israel's "suppression" of Palestinians in occupied land is an obstacle for peace in the Middle East. Before the Arab states suspended Egypt's membership in the Arab League, after signing a peace treaty with Israel, he was the assistant secretary general of that body.

Nofal in a speech called for Arab states to unify to safeguard Palestinians rights. The United Nations bears a "great responsibility" to implement resolutions which guarantee Palestinians freedom and their rights for self-determination, Nofal said. "For the last month, Israeli authorities are suppressing Palestinians. This impedes the hope for global peace in the Middle East," he said.

seven years. Former Prime Minister Sirimad Bandaranaike permitted the PLO to open an office in Colombo before the nonaligned nations held their summit conference in Colombo in 1976.

Mrs. Bandaranaike's government suspended diplomatic relations with Israel shortly after it was voted to power in May 1970. Relations with Israel remain the same under the present government of President Junius Jayewardene.

For article in German weekly

Ecevit summoned for questioning

ANKARA, March 31 (AP) — The martial law prosecutor in Ankara has summoned former Premier Bulent Ecevit for questioning in connection with an article he wrote for the West German weekly *Der Spiegel*, authoritative sources reported.

The sources, who asked not to be named, said Ecevit's article could be considered in violation of a military ban on political debates by former Turkish politicians. They said Ecevit, in his article, criticized the closure of all political parties by Turkey's ruling generals.

Ecevit's article was published in the March 22 issue, and he criticized the military harshly for abolishing the parliament.

Turkey's ruling generals have evoked the name of Ataturk while carrying out their takeover. Ecevit accused the generals of violating Ataturk's last will and testament when they confiscated the assets of the Republican People's Party. A good portion of these assets consisted of bank shares willed to the party by Ataturk. He also pointed out that all these events took place on the centenary of Ataturk's birth.

In the article, Ecevit admitted he may be "taking certain risks" by writing the piece for *Der Spiegel*.

It was not clear whether Ecevit would be

charged and brought to trial. Sources said the situation would be clarified in about two weeks. A source close to Ecevit said the risk of another prison term was not ruled out.

Meanwhile, in Istanbul, a prosecutor Tuesday asked for the death penalty against 14 members of an alleged armed Kurdish group on charges of "conspiracy to establish a Kurdish state" in Turkey.

The martial law trial of the alleged members of the "Kawa" Kurdish organization began Tuesday. In the indictment, the civilian prosecutor accused the defendants of "conspiracy to establish a Kurdish state" through armed rebellion in Turkey's eastern and southeastern provinces.

The indictment the group was responsible for "organizing armed gangs, motivated murders and bomb attacks" on public and private property. The group followed the path of the Albanian Communist Party and had links with Iran's Kurdish dissidents.

There are an estimated 5 to 6 million ethnic Kurds living in Turkey's impoverished regions in the east. Kurdish nationalism was revived by a similar movement in neighboring Iran at a time when Ankara's authority was weakened because of spiraling political violence between 1975 and 1980, which triggered the military takeover.



VICTORY SIGN: A young girl in combat fatigues makes the victory sign in Beirut in solidarity with the Palestinians in the occupied areas who are resisting Israeli occupation. In the background, Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat keeps an eye on the proceedings.

Ali calls for Sinai talks

CAIRO, March 31 (Agencies) — Egypt's Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has invited Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to Cairo next week to iron out problems over Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai next month.

Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials said Ali suggested Sunday or Monday as a date for the meeting, in an invitation sent through Israel's ambassador to Egypt, Moshe Sasson.

Egypt and Israel are divided on where the demarcation line should be at 15 points. President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Prime

Greece denies plan to seize Turks' lands

ATHENS, March 31 (R) — The Greek government has denied Turkish allegations that it planned to expropriate land or property of ethnic Turks in the northeastern Greek region of Thrace.

A government spokesman was commenting Tuesday on reports from Ankara according to which a foreign ministry spokesman warned that the Turkish government was preparing a draft bill to take counter-measures if Greece went ahead with such plans.

"The Turkish government is not well informed. If the reports transmitted by agencies from Ankara were correct, then it is a case of distorted information which does not correspond to true facts," the spokesman said.

Minister Begin exchanged messages on the problem last week but the contents of these messages remains a secret.

In a meeting with parliament members of the ruling National Democratic Party, Mubarak said Tuesday: "Our differences with Israel are not on 500 or 600 meters but on a principle over which we cannot make any concessions. If this issue cannot be solved by negotiations we will first resort to conciliation, then to arbitration."

Ali said in a television interview Tuesday night that both conciliation and arbitration had been mentioned in the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt as possible methods for solving disputes over the application of the treaty.

Foreign ministry officials said the U.S. ambassador to Cairo, Alfred Atherton, had earlier suggested various options for the resumption of the stalled Palestinian autonomy negotiations in a meeting with Ali. Atherton had suggested resuming bilateral talks with the United States moving between the two sides so as to meet an Egyptian objection against holding meetings in Jerusalem, they added.

He had also suggested Washington or any European capital as a venue for the meeting if the compromise proved acceptable to both sides, they said. The officials said Mubarak would discuss these options with his senior aides.

To discuss split over Sahara

Moi suggests special OAU meeting in Lagos

LAGOS, March 31 (Agencies) — Kenya's President Daniel Arap Moi has sent a message to Nigerian President Shibu Shagari suggesting a meeting in Lagos in April to discuss a split in the Organization of African Unity (OAU) over Western Sahara, diplomatic sources said Tuesday.

The meeting of senior OAU heads of state could only take place after April 10 as the Kenyan president would be visiting Japan earlier in the month, the sources said. Moi is the current OAU chairman and heads a seven-nation OAU committee charged with finding a solution to the dispute over Western Sahara, the former Spanish territory where Polisario volunteers are fighting Morocco for independence.

The sources said the meeting would probably concern ways of reuniting the OAU, split over the admission of the Polisario's self-proclaimed Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) to a ministerial meeting in Addis Ababa last month.

The sources said Moi was inviting the other leaders personally and it was not yet known who would attend. They added that a meeting had been suggested three weeks ago, to be held in Lome, but had not proved feasible.

Meanwhile, Moi also received a special message Tuesday from Chadian President Goukouni Oueddi.

Moi has been trying to negotiate a political settlement of the lengthy civil war in Chad, where a 3,500-man OAU peacekeeping force is currently stationed. The official

Kenya News Agency said the message was delivered by Mahamat Nouradim, minister secretary general of the Chad government, who headed a three-man delegation.

Goukouni message was in reply to a special message sent by Moi earlier this month. The contents of the messages were not disclosed.

The OAU had threatened to pull the peacekeeping troops out of Chad if it couldn't find adequate financing to maintain them by March 30. It has also threatened to pull out the force if the Chadian government refuses to accept an OAU peace plan calling for elections by June 11.

U.S. seizes trucks meant for Libya

BALTIMORE, March 31 (AP) — U.S. customs service agents announced Tuesday the seizure of 22 trucks and 14 trailers that were scheduled to be shipped to Libya.

James Mahan, a customs service spokesman, said the trucks and trailers, worth about \$1 million were seized in Baltimore harbor.

The vehicles were seized Friday after authorities received a tip, Mahan said. On March 10, the Reagan administration slapped a ban on Libyan oil imports and also prohibited the exporting of certain high-technology items from the United States to Libya in continuing tension between the Reagan administration and Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

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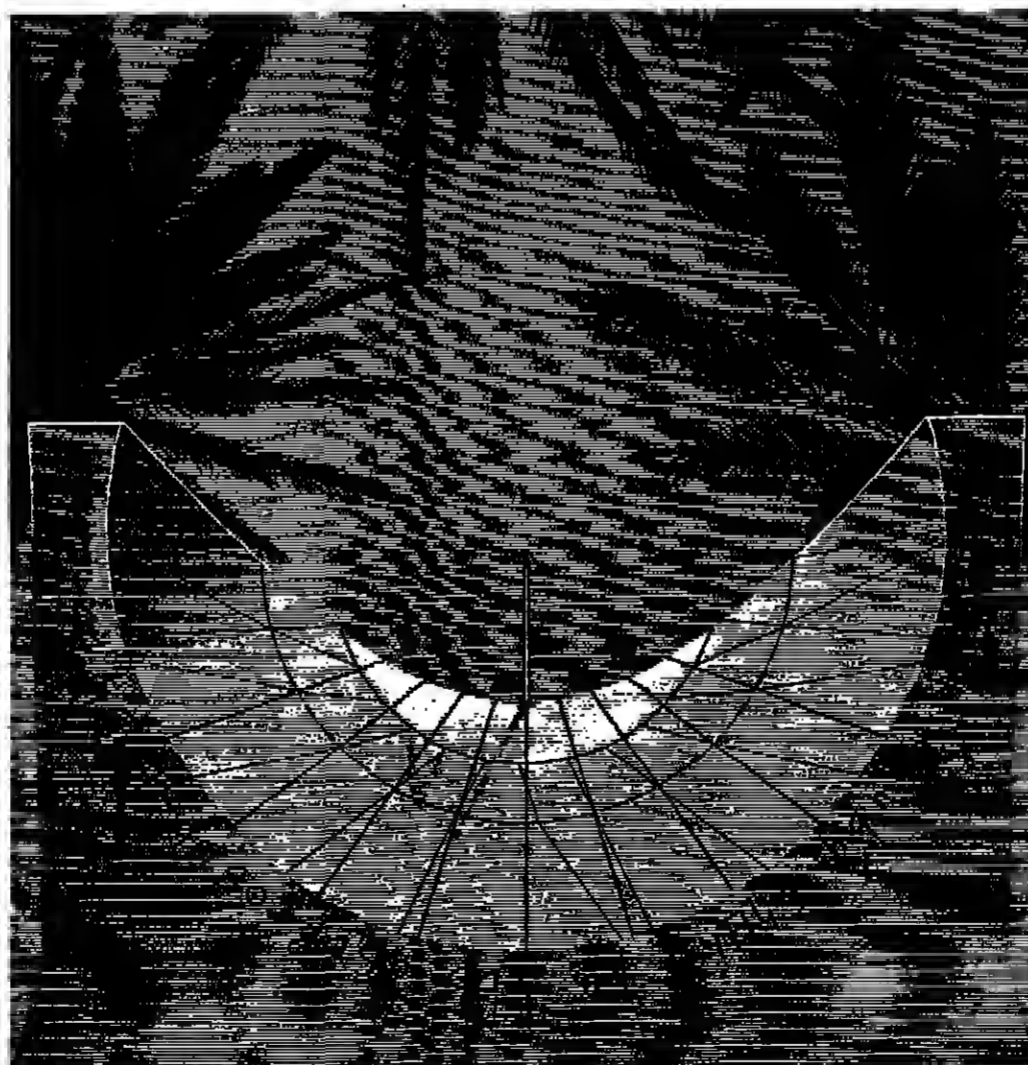
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Carrington holds talks with Israelis

TEL AVIV, March 31 (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington opened two days of talks with Israeli leaders Wednesday amid continuing European-Israeli acrimony over the Palestinian issue.

Carrington also met Prime Minister Menachem Begin, whom the British once branded as a wanted terrorist, after sessions with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. As Carrington began his talks, the foreign ministry issued a sharp rejection of European criticism of Israel's crackdown on Palestinians in the occupied West Bank.

The statement denounced as a "distortion" a document released after the European summit meeting Tuesday accusing Israel of violating Arab human rights in occupied territory and urging an end to the nearly two weeks of violence. The Israeli statement said

Europe was ignoring incitement by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Israel sees Lord Carrington as one of the prime sponsors of the 1980 Venice Declaration calling for PLO association in Mideast peace talks. Israel radio said Carrington's talks with Shamir also included a survey by the Israelis of their worsened strategic situation following the evacuation of Sinai and its handover in three weeks to Egypt.

Shamir also reviewed Israeli relations with Egypt on the eve of the Sinai withdrawal, the radio said. Shamir has expressed fears that Israel's ties with Egypt may weaken after the handover as Egypt tries to rebuild bridges to the Arab world.

In a lengthy meeting with Sharon, Carrington heard detailed arguments against Palestinian independence in the West Bank and a report on the PLO arms buildup in South Lebanon, the radio said.

Uganda, Sudan discuss refugees

NAIROBI, March 31 (R) — Ugandan military, security and administrative officials have met their Sudanese counterparts in discussion questions arising from a new influx of Ugandan refugees into southern Sudan, Radio Uganda reported Wednesday.

The meeting at Kaya, in Sudan, follows a three-month campaign by the Ugandan army.

Iran wants to revive Busher nuclear unit

MUELHEIM, West Germany, March 31 (R) — Iran, which shelved its nuclear power plans after the revolution that ousted the Shah, now says it wants to resume no a plant at Busher on the Gulf, the West German contract has said.

Kraftwerk Union (KWU), a subsidiary of Siemens, said that the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) wanted to open talks on reviving the project, which was mothballed in January, 1979.

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ADEN, (AP) — Thirteen Yemenis were sentenced to death Wednesday for plotting to sabotage South Yemen's economic and oil installations with "outside" help, according to an official announcement here.

TUNIS — Thirty students were injured, two seriously in clashes in Tunis University's arts and human sciences branch, Tunisian newspapers reported Wednesday. The campus was closed until the end of spring vacation April 10.

KARACHI, (AP) — The Karachi Bar Association, the largest attorneys' body in Pakistan, has expelled five of its members for joining the federal advisory council of Pakistan set up by President Geo. Muhammad Zia

Ul-Haq.

BERLIN, (AP) — One of two Ethiopians critically injured last week when a bomb they were building exploded has died in a West Berlin hospital, police said Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, (R) — Israel's chief rabbi, Shlomo Goren Tuesday gave President Reagan a message from Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on Middle East problems.

BERLIN, (AP) — West Berlin police have arrested a 26-year-old Palestinian for possession of four detonators and explosive police said Wednesday. Police identified the man as Abdallah EL-K.

Mubarak cites bid to undermine ties with U.S.

CAIRO, March 31 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has charged that the return on several dozen Soviet advisers to Egypt was being exploited in attempts to undermine Cairo's relations with Washington.

Without spelling out who was behind the alleged attempts, Mubarak was quoted as telling a group of parliamentary deputies: "We have no leftist tendencies and we are a nonaligned country with excellent relations with the United States." The comments came as Egyptian Defense Minister Halim Abu Ghazala was on a visit to the U.S., Egypt's chief arms supplier.

In a briefing for journalists, Deputy Premier Fikri Makram Ebeid reported the president as saying: "Attempts are being made to spoil our good relations with the U.S. following the return of 66 Soviet civil experts." The return of the experts was announced in Cairo a few days before President Mubarak's trip to America in February.

Velayati arrives in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, March 31 (AP) — Iranian Foreign Minister Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati arrived here Tuesday with a call to Muslims around the world to unite to defend their common interests but making no mention of Iran's 19-month war with Iraq.

Velayati headed a 24-member delegation here for four days of talks with Pakistani officials, including president Gen. Zia Ul-Haq. He told reporters on arrival: "If Muslims all over the world unite, no more can aggressive regimes like the one in Israel cause disturbances against Muslims or occupy Islamic countries."

There are nearly nine billion Muslims in the world, who enjoy a great economic potential and natural resources," he said. "If they cooperate with one another, they can become a much greater force, thereby contributing to the establishment of peace and justice in the world."

Lebanon repairs sabotaged pipeline

BEIRUT, March 31 (R) — A sabotaged pipeline carrying Iraqi crude oil to the north Lebanese port of Tripoli has been repaired, oil ministry sources said Wednesday.

The pipeline was blown up twice last week by unidentified saboteurs.

The explosions stopped the flow of Iraqi crude oil causing sharp drop in Iraq's oil exports. The pipeline, one spur of a line that also carries oil to Baniyas in Syria, was reopened in December after a break of more than five years caused by political and other problems.



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Jordan says Israel aims at annexation of West Bank

By J. Michael Kennedy

AMMAN — Officials here are convinced that Israel is trying to eliminate Jordanian influence in the occupied West Bank as a step toward annexation of the area. They say that the current round of turmoil in the area, which was a part of Jordan until Israel occupied it in the Arab-Israeli war of 1967, is the "last link" in the chain leading to annexation.

They cite as evidence Israel's stepped-up campaign to force out the leaders of West Bank town councils who were elected in 1976 and are for the most part supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization. A key factor in the Israeli campaign, as the Jordanians see it, are the so-called village leagues, set up by the Israelis as a political counterweight to the elected town governments.

In a move to discourage membership in those leagues, Jordan announced recently that West Bank residents who continue to support the leagues will be charged with treason.

Further, Jordanian officials fear that the leagues

are intended ultimately to supplant the councils in any negotiations on Palestinian autonomy, talks called for in the 1979 peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

Despite the Israeli occupation, the Jordanian and other Arab governments have continued to put aid money into the West Bank, millions of dollars over the years. Moreover, many West Bank residents continue to carry Jordanian passports, which can be bad for the asking, and many continue to collect pensions earned as officials of the Jordanian government before 1967.

Now, the Jordanian government says it is becoming increasingly difficult to aid the 800,000 Palestinians living on the West Bank. "The process of aid goes on, but it is difficult and we expect it to get more difficult," Hassao Ibrahim, Jordan's minister of occupied territories, said recently. "For instance, it is forbidden for any mayor to include any foreign aid in his budget. In the past, the authorities were sometimes flexible, closing an eye if it was in their interest. Now they have become more serious about it."

As the turmoil continues on the West Bank, the Jordanians can only watch from their side of the Jordan River and catalog what they consider to be offenses to the people. Among recent develop-

ments:

— Last Thursday the Israelis fired the mayors of Ramallah and Nablus, both of whom had openly supported the PLO.

— A week earlier, the Israelis removed the municipal government of El Bireh after it refused to cooperate with the Israeli authorities. That action sparked a week of riots that left at least five Palestinians dead.

Commenting on the Jordanian government's threat to file treason charges against West Bank residents who support the village leagues, Crown Prince Hassan said in an interview: "We still have a judicial role to exercise because it was our territory. If we did not act on the subject, we would be accused of standing by and watching the Israelis develop their own (puppet) leadership in the occupied territories and manipulating the Palestinians."

The treason threat is Jordan's most forceful step to date in dealing with its problems on the West Bank, but its impact will be hard to measure until the end of the 30-day period for resignations.

"Naturally, we are not naive enough to think that after 14 years of occupation, the West Bankers have not had dealings with the occupation authorities," Hassan said. "But this is totally different — to be

seen carrying weapons issued by the occupation authorities, receiving training by the Israelis and exercising a system of patronage over fellow Arabs. That ranges from marriage licenses to permission to cross into the East Bank. It can only bring greater bitterness and further confrontation."

Under Jordanian law, the punishment for treason ranges from confiscation of property to death. But while a village league might be sentenced to death, the sentence would not likely be carried out unless the person returned to Jordan.

Minister Ibrahim said that Jordan is not interested in using financial leverage, such as revocation of pensions, to pressure village league resignations. "And he said that funds to a school would not be cut off because the principal is a league member."

The Israelis have responded to all that by saying that the Jordanian government is now in the same category with the PLO. Still, Ibrahim said he believed that the threat to charge people with treason would have the desired effect, that enough of the estimated 200 village leagues would resign and neutralize the organizations.

"Those leagues" were unpopular from the beginning," Ibrahim said. "The ones who joined knew they were doing something unacceptable, but they didn't think there was much danger. The (treason) order clarifies that it is condemned."

Jordan's information minister, Adnan Abu Odeh, explained the popularity of the village leagues in different terms. He said that the Israelis took advantage of Palestinian peasants who saw joining as a way of increasing their personal prestige and security but did not see the possibility of their being manipulated. The more sophisticated leaders of the West Bank's larger towns saw through the scheme but the villagers did not, Jordanian officials said. "We think they did not understand what they were doing," Odeh said.

Whatever happens to the leagues, the Jordanians think the Israelis will continue their efforts to rid the West Bank of both Jordanian and Palestinian influence. Prince Hassan said the next step probably would be a concerted effort to drive the Palestinians out of the West Bank.

Ibrahim said the Israelis were already trying to restrict the growth of Palestinian towns and villages by passing laws that forbid expansion. "I think there will be other actions against the municipalities to dissolve them," he said. "They will try to make it very difficult for the municipalities to work." (LAT)

STRUGGLE FOR LAND

Land Day is marked by the Palestinian people wherever they are. In the West Bank or Gaza or in whichever part of the Arab world or the world at large they happen to be. But as the origin of Land Day lies in the struggle of the Palestinians who remained as the land was taken over in 1948 and 1949, it is among them that the celebration is at its most mordant. The day indeed was named after an incident in 1976 when peaceful resistance to expropriation of more Palestinian land was met with murderous Israeli repression. It is, therefore, the Day of the Land which suffered longest under the Israeli jackboot, and of the martyrs who fell defending it.

The day before yesterday the people of that land came onto the streets in their thousands, to commemorate the martyrs and to pledge their faith in the land once more. The towns and villages of old occupied Palestine saw once more the old flag banned by the Israelis, and heard once more the anthems and chants in which the Palestinians' love for their homelands and abiding faith in their own identity are expressed. In Nazareth, Sakhine, Kafr Kana, Tiebeh, Um Fahm, Shafa Amr, Jaljulia, Kafr Kassim and all the other towns and villages, Land Day was celebrated as never before. The general strike declared was total, and Israeli intimidation failed to stifle the expression of the Palestinian will to freedom.

These Palestinians who came out in their thousands are all what is called "Israeli Arabs", Palestinians who had Israeli nationality foisted on them by their oppressor. They showed by their action, and to the undoubted dismay of the Israelis, that the passing decades have done nothing to diminish their faith in the ultimate victory of their just cause. Their celebration coincided with the civil uprising of the population in the West Bank and with the celebration of Land Day by those who fell under Israeli occupation in 1967.

The world has to ponder that here is a fight which will end only when the land is freed and the dignity and freedom of its inhabitants are restored.

Saudi Arabian press review

Wednesday's newspapers continued to give prominence to the interview given by Crown Prince Fahd to the Kuwaiti daily *Al-Siyassah* and the turbulent events in the West Bank.

Al-Bilad felt Prince Fahd's interview has crystallized the Kingdom's strategy for a new basic system and a state consultative council which "could ensure prosperity for the people of Saudi Arabia."

On the same subject, *Al-Madinah* praised Prince Fahd's efforts for the creation of a strong economic base for the Gulf states which "could lead to political and economic stability in the region."

Okaz, *Al-Riyadh* and *Al-Jazirah* dealt with the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza.

Okaz stressed the necessity of providing help and moral support to residents of the West Bank, who were facing Israeli repression and arrogance.

The paper called on President Reagan to stop U.S. support and financial assistance to Israel, if the U.S. administration "is really serious about peace and stability in the Middle East region."

Al-Riyadh strongly condemned the Israeli plans of annexing the West Bank and Gaza and the Zionist aggressive acts in the occupied Arab lands. It hailed the heroic resistance put up by Palestinian Arabs in the occupied lands against the immoral and illegal acts of the Zionist enemy.

Al-Jazirah said the "Day of the Land" should serve as an appropriate occasion to formulate a comprehensive plan of action in collaboration with peace-loving nations against Israeli threats in the Middle East region.

The paper deplored the Zionist enemy's defiance on U.N. resolutions, describing it as "the worst form of colonization in the old and modern history."

Commenting on the demonstrations in the West Bank and Gaza, *Al-Nadwa* said, "They reflect the Arab people's readiness to sacrifice their lives to recover their usurped lands."

The paper urged the Arab states to extend assistance to their brothers in the West Bank, "who were resisting the enemy's plans for annexing their lands." (SPA)

By Mark Frankland

Romania squeezed by East and West

BUCHAREST — The rise in the cost of energy and raw materials and the economic crisis in the West are causing serious difficulties for all the countries of East Europe. Their centrally planned economies have concentrated for too long on volume of production, regardless of real costs in labor and materials. Those that have borrowed heavily in the West to buy modern equipment to increase their efficiency have found that transferring technology is not a simple matter and that new machinery is often poorly used.

They have also found that the West in depression is a tougher market than they calculated, leaving them with the problem of how to pay off their debts if they cannot earn sufficient hard currency by exporting to the West.

Some East Europeans are better placed than others. Hungary showed more foresight than its neighbors by abandoning the dictatorship of the central plan in order to push its factories into the demanding world of real costs and competition. It has, however, the highest per capita indebtedness in East Europe and its standard of living is marking time.

The conservative leaders of Czechoslovakia have been cautious about debt (it stands at about \$4.5 billion compared with Romania's \$11 billion and Poland's \$25 billion) but they have been reluctant for political reasons to reform an economy that they themselves now admit to be ill-suited to the modern world.

The situation in each East European country has its special characteristics — the Soviet "bloc" remains a very diverse collection of people and

cultures in spite of nearly 40 years of socialism *à la Russe*. Romania perhaps wins the title of the oddest man out, not least because its cautious pursuit of national independence has distanced it from Moscow without bringing it significantly closer to the West.

As a result Romania, at a time of difficulty, can count on little sympathy from either side. The great economic advantage of Soviet bloc membership is access to the vast Russian resources of raw materials at prices, for the moment, of around a third, below the world level. Romania would dearly like more Soviet oil on these terms because its own oil production (around 12 million tons a year) cannot feed its ambitious petrochemical industry planned before the rise of oil prices in the last decade.

But it has managed to contract with Moscow for only some 1.5 million tons of oil a year, and this has to be paid for in hard currency (or exports valued in hard currency) and at the world price. The chances of getting more, and at a cheaper price, are slim because the Russians are cutting back oil sales even further than planned to such favorite allies as Czechoslovakia and Hungary, so that they can increase deliveries to Poland.

The Romanians, though, do not give up easily. They have worked out a theory for Comecon (the Soviet bloc equivalent of the Common Market) which, not surprisingly, would serve themselves well. Comecon, Romanian officials say, should concern itself with the key economic problems of the day which means first and foremost those of energy and fuel.

Comecon, according to Romania, should aim to equalize the levels of economic development among its members. This, Romanian officials say, is now far too uneven, with the richest members

enjoying a per capita annual income two or three times greater than the poorest. Romania, which officially calls itself a developing country, is at the bottom of this scale.

Romania's relationship with the West is equally complicated. It has been slow to admit that it must restructure its debt.

Romania's problem lies in the difficulty of selling its goods in hard currency markets. It has made big efforts in this direction and it achieved a surplus last year in its trade with the West. It has introduced a law which obliges all deals for the purchase of Western technology to be paid for in counter-trade. (This, however, creates problems for its Western commercial partners who have trouble finding Romanian goods they can sell in their own countries or through brokers in third markets.)

Romania's difficulties are obviously increased by the depression in the West, but some are of its own making. Under pressure from the International Monetary Fund (Romania is its only Comecon member, though Hungary and Poland last year applied to join) it has begun a long overdue increase of prices. It put food prices up by 35 percent in February. But it remains to be seen how useful an adviser the IMF can be to an economy that is centrally planned and in which market forces are denied.

The need to repay debts and make essential hard currency imports (notably oil to keep its petrochemical industry working) means squeezing the rest of the economy. This is felt by ordinary Romanians in power cuts and erratic food supplies; agriculture, already suffering from an organizational and manpower crisis, is also having to take part in the export drive. Thus neither West nor East can save Romania from a period of austerity. (ONS)

Ethiopia offensive against Eritreans 'floundering'

By Gayle Smith

KHARTOUM —

Ethiopia's Soviet-backed government is shifting thousands more troops to the embattled province of Eritrea, according to spokesmen of Eritrean freedom fighters in Sudan.

Two combat divisions were sent to the Eritrean port of Massawa recently from the southeastern Ogaden region, and the entire ruling executive of the Supreme Planning Council is now in the provincial capital of Asmara to oversee the war effort. It is claimed by the fighters' and other usually reliable sources.

At least 10 high-ranking Ethiopian officers are said to have been executed recently on charges of ordering their men to retreat from advancing resistance forces. One well-informed Middle Eastern diplomat believes the month-long government counterinsurgency campaign against the Eritrean fighters is floundering.

Resistance leaders claim that 1,330 Ethiopian

soldiers were killed or wounded in three days of fierce fighting on two battlefronts two weeks ago, bringing total government casualties claimed by the fighters to more than 16,000 since renewed war erupted on Feb. 15.

The Eritrean nationalists are fighting for the independence of the former Italian colony, which became part of Ethiopia in 1962 after a 10-year period of U.N.-sponsored federation. The strategic territory provides Ethiopia's only access to the sea.

More than 130,000 government troops are said to be engaged in the sixth attempt to crush the freedom fighters since 1978, when a huge input of Soviet military hardware gave the newly installed military government its first victories in the long and bitter war.

However, diplomats in Khartoum confirm the fighters' claims that the current campaign, the largest in the 20-year war, is going badly for the government. Another failure, which seems increasingly likely, could jeopardize the rule of Mengistu

Haile Mariam, and the presence in Asmara of all but two leading government figures underlines his precarious position.

There is speculation that the strongly pro-Soviet Captain Legesse Asfaw could provide a direct challenge to Mengistu in the coming weeks.

The government's entire frontline in the Barka lowlands near the border with Sudan reportedly collapsed two weeks ago after counterattacks by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, the EPLF. Resistance leaders also claim major victories along the northeastern sea coast and the inland area near the government-held town of Afabet.

Western diplomats here say Ethiopia's inability to dislodge the fighters stems from poor morale in the army and lack of combat experience by many troops. With the EPLF in well-protected positions in the arid mountains and the government forces confined to the open plains, the terrain works to the fighters' advantage, canceling out the government's arms superiority.

Today is Thursday, April 1st, the 91st day of 1982. There are 274 days left in the year.

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Egyptian settlers encouraged

Hamdi tunnel links Suez, Sinai, promises to promote development

By Jeremy Clift

SUEZ, Egypt (R) — A gleaming new tunnel under the Suez Canal linking Sinai with the rest of Egypt symbolizes an ambitious development program being drawn up in Cairo for the desert peninsula.

Israel bands back the final portion of Sinai on April 25 and Egypt is planning a series of development plans to attract new settlers and harness the territory's resources, which include oil and mineral deposits.

The sleek two-lane Ahmed Hamdi tunnel, which slices through the desert sands just north of Suez, was due to be opened full-time for routine traffic on March 29, 18 months after it was first inaugurated by the late President Anwar Sadat.

Until now only supervised convoys have been allowed to use the subterranean highway, named after an Egyptian war hero killed in the 1973 Middle East conflict, as lighting and ventilation work were still to be completed.

Reuniting Africa and Asia for the first time since the canal split the two continents in 1869, the new tunnel which also carries fresh water to the Sinai is designed to be a catalyst for future development in the arid peninsula.

Two more tunnels are tentatively planned and a chain of giant pipes have already been laid across the canal at other points to carry Nile water to the 61,000 sq km (23,500 sq mile) eastern province.

Without the tunnels construction work throughout the Sinai will be retarded because the few ferries across the canal are already congested with trucks and civilian vehicles. A key bridge across the canal was blown up in the 1967 war.

Central to the Sinai development plan is a plan to resettle hundreds of thousands of people in the territory by the year 2000, relieving pressure on the overcrowded capital and Nile Valley region.

The present Sinai population is around

175,000, including about 10,000 Bedouin tribesmen living a peripatetic existence with their camels and herds of sheep and goats. Others have set up tourist shops or lucrative smuggling businesses from Egypt to Israel.

According to Dr. Ali Mahmoud Abu Zeid, head of the Sinai Reconstruction and Development Agency, settlers are to be given grants and low-interest loans to encourage them to move east of Suez.

The agency forecasts that more than half a million people will be living in the Sinai by the end of the century, compared with a total Egyptian population by then of 75 million.

Figures of more than a million settlers have been mentioned by planners who are drawing up ambitious plans for building new towns in the desert and reclaiming large areas of land for agriculture.

But essentially the pace of progress will be determined by the amount of cash available from the hard-pressed central government.

Minister of Housing and Reconstruction Hassanallah Kafrawi says he set aside 52 million Egyptian pounds (\$60 million) until the end of the financial year in June for construction work in Sinai.

The government has also just approved additional expenditure of about \$400 million for projects of "national priority" resulting from the Israeli withdrawal, including \$143 million for the purchase of installations and equipment being left behind by the Israelis.

A major plan already announced is for the construction of a 1,200 megawatt power station at the northern Sinai town of El-Arish.

Minister of Electric Power Mohammed Maher Osman says it will be built in six years at a cost of \$659 million and will be run by coal from the nearby Maghara mines.

Dr. Abu Zeid says that the United States has given five million dollars to help draw up a study of the Sinai to select appropriate sites for roads, cultivable land and wells for drinking water.

Much of the incentive for developing Sinai

comes from its deposits of oil, natural gas and minerals.

Egypt is already significant oil producer, exporting roughly 200,000 barrels a day (bpd) from its 700,000 bpd output. Most of this comes from wells in the Gulf of Suez, including the Abu Reda field in western Sinai.

Six contracts have already been signed by foreign companies to search for oil in the sectors of Sinai returned to Egypt, but large chunks of territory still remain to be allocated.

According to Ibrahim Radwan, general manager in charge of oil agreements at the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC), the EGPC will initially take over the eastern sector being returned on April 25.

This includes a small gas field at Sadat in the north-east corner close to the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, which Israel has been exploiting.

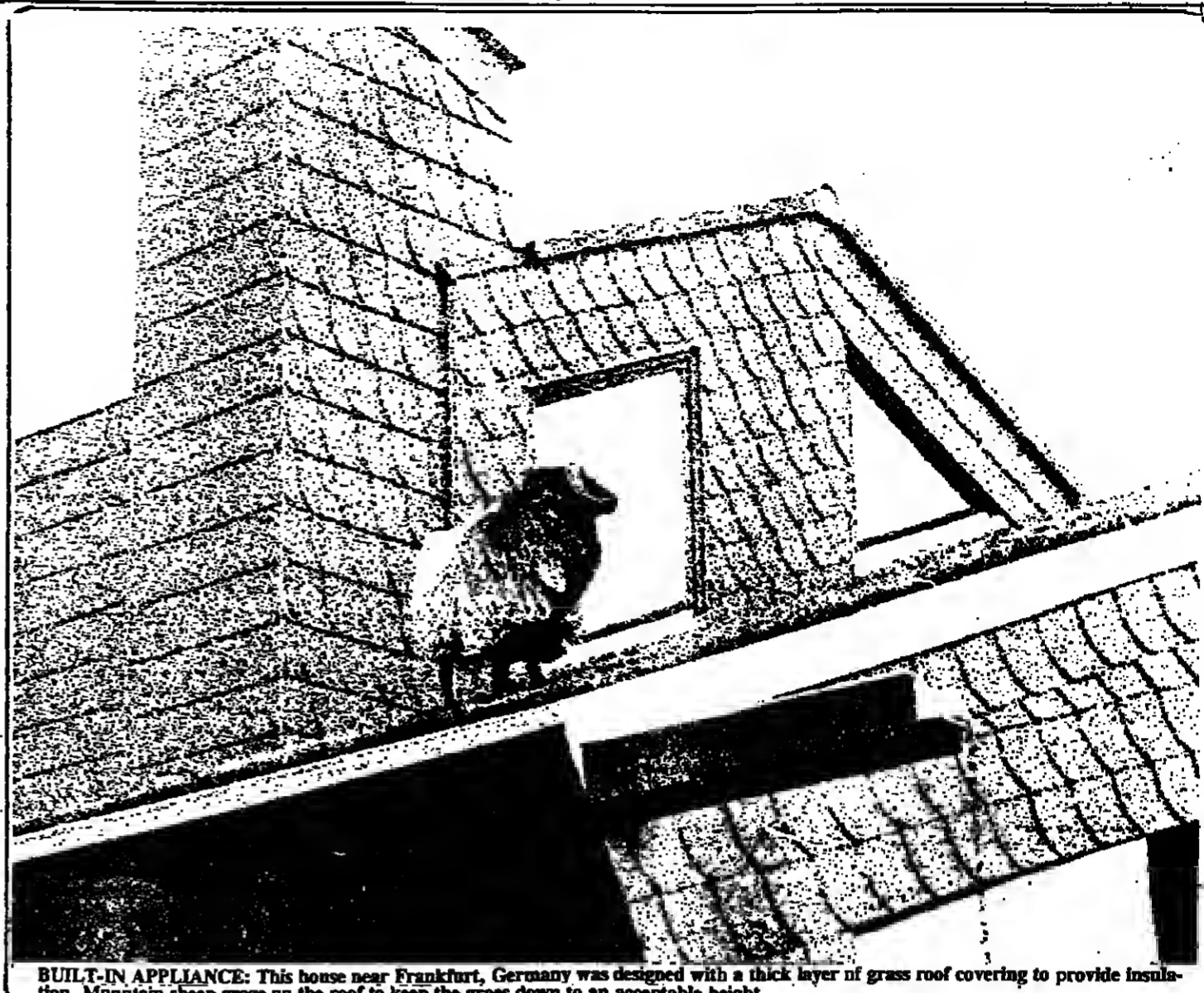
Radwan believes that a new, more favorable, gas clause in oil exploration contracts could help encourage the high oil companies to look for gas in the Sinai.

Gas has already been discovered off the Nile Delta and Egyptian officials believe there may be a gas-bearing area stretching from the delta along the Mediterranean coast as far as Sadat.

After oil and gas, manganese is the most important of Sinai's minerals, while recoverable coal deposits are estimated at around 35 million tons.

Northern Sinai Governor Maj. Gen. Yousef Sabri has announced plans to construct a new fishing port east of El-Arish to help boost fishing in Bardawil Lake, alongside the Mediterranean.

He says that the universities higher education council is also discussing the establishment of three faculties at El-Arish for the study of desert agriculture, science and soil geology that would become the nucleus of a future Sinai University.



BUILT-IN APPLIANCE: This house near Frankfurt, Germany was designed with a thick layer of grass roof covering to provide insulation. Mountain sheep graze on the roof to keep the grass down to an acceptable height.

Military strategy fails

Filipinos bitter about 'hamleting', investigators say it was unjustified

By Maholo B. Jara

MANILA (Depthnews) — What turned out to be a disastrous experiment by the Americans in Vietnam was adopted by the military here with equally disastrous results in trouble-ridden southern Philippines.

"Dismantle the hamlets," was the order of Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile after his attention was called by an independent human rights group. The group, organized by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), went on a fact-finding tour of Davao del Norte in the south and confirmed human and civil rights violations with the establishment of the hamlets.

"Compounding the problem was that the military never informed Enrile's office of their action. 'I'm not aware of their existence,' was the minister's blunt admission when he first learned of the case.

American military advisers encouraged the establishment of "protected hamlets" at the height of the Indochina conflict. Vietnamese families were forcibly uprooted from their homes and berded into hamlets to prevent them from giving aid and shelter to the Viet Cong.

The strategy, however, backfired and failed to stop the Viet Cong march to Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City).

Philippine military authorities in the south adopted the same approach initially in San Vicente town, Davao del Norte, about 600 miles south of Manila. Ostensibly, their reason was to protect the estimated 32,000 villagers from being caught in a crossfire during military operations against the dissidents.

At the outset, military leaders claimed that the town residents voluntarily resettled themselves in the hamlets. They even cited a

resolution approved by the town legislative council urging the residents to cooperate with the military and counter the harassment, intimidation and extortion activities of the Communist-led New People's Army.

And at no time were the villagers prevented from leaving the hamlets anytime they wanted to, according to the military.

It turned out, however, that the Davao military command instigated the approval of the resolution. With this finding, Minister Enrile immediately ordered authorities to dismantle the existing hamlets. He said: "In line with the policy of the (defense) ministry and the national government on respect for human rights and due process, the military and the Integrated National Police shall see to it that no such hamlets are established or maintained."

In his sternly-worded order, Enrile reminded the military that the government "has never authorized and will never countenance the forcible grouping of people in specified residential villages or centers because these are violative of the constitutional rights of the people."

Enrile's order thus gave substance to the findings of the IBP human rights and due process commission regarding military abuses in the establishment of the hamlets. In its report, the commission enumerated some of the human rights violations, including:

Ordering the town residents to transfer their homes to a "grouping" area under implied threats of being treated as an enemy. This, the commission said, violates the people's constitutional rights to liberty of abode and travel.

Requiring residents to construct the Philippine Constabulary (National Police) barracks and to contribute materials for it.

This violates the constitutional right against involuntary servitude, according to the IBP commission.

Requiring residents to demolish and dismantle their homes which is a violation of the right not to be deprived of property without due process and without the compensation.

The commission emphasized that the military measures in San Vicente were not justified. Before and after the hamleting, it said, there were no encounters between the Constabulary and the dissidents "of such nature as to warrant wholesale evacuation of civilians from their farms."

Also from the practical point of view, the commission said, hamleting has alienated, instead of attracting the residents to the government side.

Worse still, the IBP group discovered the reason behind the move which does not seem to speak well of the military. The report said: "It appears that the immediate reason for the hamleting was due to the boycott of the town residents of the Sept. 4, 1981 elections and the ambush of a military jeep in which seven soldiers were killed."

"Neither of these incidents," the commission argued, "justified hamleting. Even if the nation were at war, no forced transfer of civilians is allowed under the laws of war and only temporary evacuations are permitted when military operations are going on or are about to begin."

All of these, a defense official observed, were reminiscent of the Americans' protected hamlet strategy which miserably failed to stop the Viet Cong advance in South Vietnam.

"Some people never learn," the official said. "In the battle to win the hearts and minds of the people, a purely military solution is never the answer to the problem."

Asian martial arts become popular, they teach self-control, modesty

By Adlai J. Amor

MANILA (Depthnews) A kick is not just a kick, or a punch just a punch — this is an art, said the late Bruce Lee, the kung fu master who popularized Asian martial arts through his movies.

Thanks largely to the kung fu movies made in Hongkong, interest in Asian martial arts is on the rise. But the interest is not motivated by a desire to imitate the screen as Bruce Lee did but primarily for self-defense, health and exercise.

Even governments have enlisted the martial arts to help them. In Malaysia, martial arts associations have been harnessed to eradicate drug abuse among youths. Martial arts is also used by the Malaysian army now to enhance the combat effectiveness of its soldiers.

To typical Westerners, the lightning kicks and tornado punches are seen as dangerous killing blows, but to Asian adepts and masters, these are appreciated as aesthetics and a mastery of the mind over one's body. Conquest and a better knowledge of the self is one of the main goals of Asian martial arts. This is why the essence of martial arts is neither mastery of the techniques nor victory over the opponent, but triumph over the self.

The Japanese, Chinese and Korean martial arts — judo, karate, taekwondo, tai chi

and jujitsu — are among the most popular throughout Asia today. But the more obscure forms such as *kalaripayat* from India, the Malaysian *silat*, the Philippines' *arnis*, the Bangladeshi *lahiri kela* and Indonesia's *penak silat* are also being revived.

These arts are not just kicks and punches. *Taekwondo*, for example, teaches modesty, perseverance and discipline, with each lesson beginning and ending with a bow between teacher and student. The Malaysian *silat* even requires its practitioners to first recite the Islamic creed: *Lailahillallah, Muhammadar Rasul Allah* ("There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the servant of God"). Students are exhorted to use their skill and knowledge to defend their country, race and religion.

"*Silat* places a high priority on humility, because ultimately we are all servants of God," said Haji Hussein bin Maulana Ibrahim Shah, the foremost exponent in Malaysia.

Unlike Western type combat techniques which merely employ brute force, Asian martial arts — defense arts actually — follow rhythmic and harmonious patterns. *Tai chi*, an ancient Chinese art resembling ballet, for example, is centered on the rhythmic flow of the *chi* (life force) in the body.

This martial art is extremely popular.

among men and women above 50 years old. Most of them take it up to ward off old age ailments.

Tai chi is a non-aggressive martial art and the slowness and precision of the movements is geared towards developing physical skill and endurance. Depending on the speed, all its 108 movements can be completed within 30-40 minutes.

The Indonesian *penak silat* may be similar to *karate* which was developed by king hundreds of years ago as a means of unarmed self-protection whenever they traveled.

The word *penak silat* is believed to come from the Sanskrit word for five. The number five is connected to the five members of the human body — two arms, two legs and the body proper.

This progression from sport to an art form is also true with the *lahiri kela* (literally meaning "play with stick") in Bangladesh. This originated from the *lahiris* or the private armies of the *zamindars* (landlords) who used bamboo poles for fighting.

In a way, it is similar to the Philippines' *arnis* which uses two sticks and the Japanese *Kendo* who uses a long pole.

But this game is dying. It can now only be seen during festivals where two persons whirl around bamboo poles to the rhythm of a drum beat.

The Road Warrior goes nation-wide

Australian 'thriller' movies are low budget; Hollywood sees their big profit potential

By Christian Williams

HOLLYWOOD (WP) — This spring, the blossoming Australian film industry with the help of Warner Bros. will unleash upon 800 neighborhood theaters an unknown movie from down under called *The Road Warrior*, a sequel to *Mad Max*, an automotive mayhem movie set in a horrific future and directed by George Miller. It was made in 1979 for \$358,000 and has grossed \$20 million worldwide.

Despite a run on home box office and bookings in scattered theaters, *Mad Max* was hardly noticed here. No Australian film, in fact, has ever had what is known as a "wide break" in the United States. Warner's intends to change all that.

Warrior, a high-octane car opera, stars Mel Gibson, the dark-haired soldier of *Gallop* as a socially beunimed but invincible hero of a wasteland of villainy. In this paeon to the individualistic spirit, gas-crazed human vermin are armed with crossbows, the prettiest girls die first and hope is strictly for sissies. The bafeul Gibson — wife and child previously murdered in *Mad Max* and current pet mongrel not long for this world — looks in his tattered motorcycle leathers like a tougher version of Harrison Ford in *Raiders Of The Lost Ark*. In fact, he looks like he could eat Harrison Ford for breakfast.

Warner's is betting that the marvelous characters and nonstop action of *The Road Warrior* will bemuse the critics and pack the theaters.

If so, there are plenty more where it came from. American movie costs are up, and production is at best stable. But Australia — buoyed by tax incentives set in place by the government last year — will triple its film production this year.

"There's no doubt that Australian films remain the flavor of the month in Hollywood," says Francis O'Brien, a former congressional staffer who was the executive producer of Peter Weir's *Gallop*. There's a lot of talent there, and films can be made

cheaply. As for *Road Warrior* it's definitely going to be the biggest movie ever to come out of Australia.

A year ago, that was being said about *Gallop*, and indeed the industry down under sets new records at nearly every turn. Weir's tale of Australian innocence lost in the trenches of World War I was the most expensive Australian film in history at \$3 million. It was also the first to have a major studio — Paramount — provide distribution and advertising backup. It has already returned \$6 million in the United States and \$7 million abroad.

The record had been \$1.6 million only two years before, with Fred Schepisi's *The Chant Of Jimmie Blacksmith*, a brutal tale of an Aborigine driven on a murder spree. *Breaker Morant*, Bruce Beresford's ironic story of three Australians accused of war crimes by the British empire they served, was made for only \$800,000 in 1980. It has returned \$6 million in the States alone, with another \$1 million expected from cable TV.

Such budgets continue to astonish Hollywood, where the average cost of a motion picture last year was \$12 million, and the mean cost — excluding very expensive projects such as *Reds* or *Regime* — was still \$8.5 million.

Equally astonishing is that, between 1950 and 1970, fewer than a half-dozen features were shot in Australia — notably Stanley Kramer's *On the Beach* (1959) and Fred Zinnemann's *The Sundowners* of 1960. Since 1971, however, there have been more than 100 movies made there — the direct result of the establishment that year of what is now the Australian Film Commission. The government simply decided to start funding its own film industry, and the outpouring has surprised even the Australians.

There is now a movie house in New York — the D.W. Griffith Cinema — that for the past year has been showing Australian movies exclusively. They have also been the subject of many film festivals, like *New Australian Cinema*, playing through April 14

at the American Film Institute.

"What the Australians are giving us are good stories, good acting and strong production values. They're not being sold on gimmicks," says Ernest G. Sauer, president of Satori Productions. "The whole country is like a very large repertory company."

Australian movies are more than cheap and plentiful and strongly plotted: they are, as Hyams puts it, "foreign films that don't need subtitles," and they carry the fascination of a robust, faraway culture with a slightly different point of view.

"Robust" is a word often applied to Australian life, and it seems equally descriptive of its movies. In the spirit of Judy Davis in *My Brilliant Career*, and the poetry-writing sergeant of *Breaker Morant*, or the open-faced lads of *Gallop*, the island continent is exporting a raw muscularity often associated with an earlier America. Australian actors are rugged-looking, Australian backgrounds vast and unfamiliar and the stories told reflect the rough and tumble of a nation of adolescent virility.

"I think what happens in Australian movies is quite unconscious," says George Miller. "I am quite taken aback by that word 'robust.' In fact, our film culture draws equally from Europe and Hollywood. We're a hybrid culture."

Miller created the character of *Mad Max*, so that if he is not the Australian everyman he must at least be some version of the Australian superman.

"Well, in Australia we have a violent car culture, whereas maybe in the States the violence is in the gun culture. Max comes out of that. We have these big, wide roads, and there is a high percentage of death on the highways. Yes, there is some form of socially accepted violence on our roads."

"This time, though, Max is much more mythological, and we were very conscious about that. He's like a Samurai, or a Knight, or an American gunslinger. We're only now getting into contemporary topics, you know," Miller said.

Most Western Europeans support unity, many fail to understand EEC's value

By Nicholas Bray

BRUSSELS, (R) — Twenty-five years after the creation of the European Economic Community (EEC), its 270 million citizens still have ambivalent views about its value.

In theory, the idea of European unity is supported by most Western Europeans. But the way the community actually works is usually either not understood or criticized.

Public attitudes in the six founder states — Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands are still generally in favor of the EEC, even if individuals often take a jaundiced view of some aspects of it.

But in some of the more recent members a groundswell of opposition still makes itself heard.

In EEC negotiations about industrial policy, agriculture, fishing and a host of other issues, member governments all too often take a narrowly nationalistic view of their interests, EEC officials complain.

And for the man in the street the European community is mostly all very well as long as it defends his interests, but a target of chauvinistic criticism when the case is reversed.

The low-profile identity of the EEC's bureaucracy has given it an unenviable public image of faceless Eurocrats meddling in national affairs.

"What are the Europeans up to today?" queries a Belgian puzzled by goings-on in the steel, glass and concrete headquarters of the EEC commission up the road. He is as racially European as the Eurocrats, but his words show clear lack of spiritual kinship with the community's mentors.

Politicians celebrating the 25th anniversary of the EEC's founding treaty of Rome say the success of the community has been to bring together the nations of Western Europe

and heal the wounds of two world wars. But a wall design shaped as a map of Europe in the headquarters of the EEC council of ministers still does not include Greece, more than a year after it joined in 1981.

And the 50,000 inhabitants of Greenland (not on the wall-map either) last month gave a majority vote to pull out of the EEC, to which they are attached as a semi-autonomous region belonging to Denmark.

In Denmark and Britain, which together with Ireland joined the EEC in 1973, anti-common market lobbies have often seemed to be undermining national commitment to the European ideal.

Britain's opposition Labor Party, supported by the Trades Union Congress (TUC), is formally committed to pulling Britain out of the EEC.

Recent public opinion polls show Britons almost equally divided about whether to stay in — 49 percent for and 51 percent against.

Denmark's anti-EEC movement has four representatives in the European parliament. Opinion polls show a third of Denmark's citizens favor staying in the EEC but nearly half would like to pull out.

In Ireland, whose weak economy has benefited from community support, the idea of EEC membership has traditionally been given strong public backing.

But even there, the ravages of inflation on farmers' incomes have started making people think twice about the way the EEC's agricultural price-fixing mechanisms work.

In general, it is farmers and industrialists who are most in favor of the European community.

Community farm rules give the EEC's eight million farmers wide-ranging price guarantees and subsidies, without which many of them would not be able to stay in business.

"European farm policy is what holds

Europe together," an official at the West German Farmers Association said.

Farmers in most other EEC countries would agree with that, even though they frequently complain that the annual price increases for them are too low.

Trade between EEC countries has been another powerful factor in welding the community together.

According to the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), withdrawal of Britain from the EEC would threaten the jobs of at least 2.5 million people and drastically reduce British exports to continental Europe.

In the eyes of West German industry, whose strength as an exporter makes it a keen advocate of EEC trade rules, the community is an indispensable prop for German efforts to secure free world trade.

Enlargement from six to nine in 1973, and then to 10 last year with the inclusion of Greece, has caused difficulties for the community and thrown its policies into question.

In Greece, the Socialist government has demanded a better deal to cope with Greek economic problems involving special subsidies for its farmers and fledgling industry.

Greek farmers have been having difficulty adapting to EEC rules and restrictions.

A bumper crop of oranges this year brought outcry when they were told they could not sell their produce below a specified minimum price.

In France as well, farmers have protested at EEC farm policy. Recently 100,000 of them marched through Paris waving banners and shouting slogans to back demands for higher prices.

The inclusion of Spain and Portugal, still hoping to join the community by 1984, will pose further problems, EEC officials admit.

Both France and Italy are worried about the competition this will create for their agricultural producers.

After revival by modern medicine

Hospitals, nursing homes refuse coma patients; centers offer only hope

By Peter Perl

WASHINGTON (WP) — A twin-engine air ambulance lifted off from National Airport at 1:20 p.m. recently carrying a single patient, Timothy J. Tiernan, on a 300-mile journey that medical experts say will provide him the best chance of ever awakening.

Until last Aug. 7, Tiernan, 14, was an athletic, strong-willed and sometimes mischievous teen-ager from suburban Annandale, Va., who collected hubcaps and antique bottles and who insisted on pizza or hotdogs instead of turkey at Thanksgiving.

On a rain-slicked road in West Virginia, that past life ended. Tiernan suffered severe and largely irreversible brain damage in an automobile accident. He has remained in a coma-like state for 32 weeks, most of it spent at Children's Hospital in Washington, where he remained longer than any neurosurgical patient in recent memory.

His eyes opened in September, and his limbs move on occasion. Otherwise he is motionless, silent and seemingly oblivious to his surroundings — despite countless hours that his mother, Patricia, a former nurse, has spent at his bedside trying to evoke responses.

Kept Alive By Technology

Tiernan's survival represents an achievement of modern American medicine, which kept him alive only through advanced technology, powerful drugs and a dramatic 13-hour emergency brain surgery last October at Children's Hospital.

Tiernan also represents what medical authorities call a growing and silent epidemic: Patients whose injuries once would have killed them, but who now are kept alive — only to be doomed to indefinite periods of twilight. His condition poses a nagging question: What is to become of this growing number of coma victims, many of them young, strong and capable of surviving for years?

Few Coma Treatment Centers

The flight was part of the Tiernan family's last slim hope of regaining the son they knew,

or at least part of him. The air ambulance carried Timothy to the Lake Erie Institute of Rehabilitation in Erie, Pa., one of only about six coma treatment facilities in the U.S. that together have capacity for only about 200 coma patients, according to the National Head Injury Foundation of Framingham, Mass.

Tiernan was transferred to Leir only after four months of rejections from hospitals, nursing homes, Blue Cross, and Medicaid officials whom the Tiernan family fruitlessly approached for help. However, his placement is only temporary and the Tiernans may soon have to face the same frustrations again.

Head Injury Frequent

Every year, an estimated 700,000 Americans suffer head injuries requiring hospital care, most often because of automobile accidents, according to the Head Injury Foundation. Of those, roughly 50,000 to 90,000 injuries are severe enough to cause coma.

Many die and many recover at least partially. Perhaps 5,000 or more remain in coma for more than a month, including many who will linger indefinitely, according to Richard Friswell, a psychologist who is director of the foundation, which was formed in 1980.

The treatment goal, often unattainable, is to awaken or partially rehabilitate patients such as Tiernan through lengthy and intensive sensory stimulation, according to head injury experts.

Patients 'Cranked Through' Medical System

Because of the scarcity of services, Friswell said, "patients are being cranked through the medical system and then just discharged," either to their homes or to nursing homes, where they languish and often die of complications related to inadequate care, he said.

Virtually no hospital in the United States would take Timothy Tiernan, according to Carolyn Johnson, the Children's Hospital social worker who tried unsuccessfully to find treatment for him once his medical condition stabilized in December. She compared her

effort to "traveling through uncharted territory."

Coma Victims Accumulating

Moreover, complicating the problem, most medical insurance companies will not pay for such care because they consider it custodial, rather than active medical treatment. As a still small but growing number of coma victims accumulates — in some cases the patients lingering for years and occasionally for more than a decade — the social and financial questions raised by these cases have not yet been confronted, those familiar with the field agree.

Meanwhile, the Tiernan case remains one family's ongoing nightmare, involving not only an eerie and permanent injury, but the added burden of facing an uphill bureaucratic battle to assure their son the best care.

The Accident

It began about 10 p.m. on a foggy Friday night that was supposed to be the start of a summer weekend outing. Robert Tiernan, 48, a Washington lawyer, was taking Timothy and two teen-aged family friends to a lakeside cottage near Romney, W.Va.

They had just stopped for groceries and loaded them in the back seat of the rented Chrysler, meaning that Timothy and his friend, Danny Cappello, 13, had to move into the front seat, where they did not fasten their seat belts, Robert Tiernan recalled.

The two others had fallen asleep, but Timothy and his father were singing *Elvira* along with the car radio. Tiernan said he had complained that the car was handling oddly on the wet roads, and said he was only driving about 30 miles per hour when the car skidded through an S-curve on Rte. 50 and slammed into a tree.

Robert Tiernan hit the windshield. Ann Hillgrove, 19, a friend of Timothy's older brother, was thrown clear of the car and escaped serious injury. Danny Cappello fractured both legs when the front seat slammed forward into the dashboard.

Timothy was thrown out the right front

door of the car, but his legs remained pinned inside, his father said, creating horrible whiplash. He suffered a "severe tear of the brain stem," according to Dr. M. Kathryn Hammock, the chief pediatric neurosurgeon at Children's. The injury irreparably damaged the stem, which essentially controls the ability to remain awake, alert and aware of the environment, doctors said.

"I thought he was dead right then," Tiernan said, as he sat red-eyed in his law office, recounting the start of the months-long ordeal. He said he often is tormented by the thoughts that if only it hadn't rained, if only they hadn't stopped for groceries, then it somehow would have happened.

Victim Looks Normal

The particular heartbreak of Timothy's condition is that he looks so healthy, said Patricia Tiernan, 44, who was divorced from her husband three years ago and has custody of Timothy and two other children, Robert, 18, and Amy, 20.

"The killing part of a head injury like this is that he looks like he is about to roar up and get up and run ... but he can't," she said. Last August, she quit a real estate job to devote full time to her son.

Nancy Reilly, one of Timothy Tiernan's nurses, said he has maintained good muscle tone and avoided common skin problems largely because of the countless hours his mother has spent exercising his limbs, massaging his facial muscles, brushing his teeth and rubbing vitamin lotion into his skin.

His mother talked to him constantly during her six months of daily visits to Room 4114 at Children's. She read to him. She used a battery-operated toy ray-gun that made weird high-pitched noises. She also played a tape that included the barking of Timothy's dog, Pooba, and the tape-recorded greetings of his friends, some of whom were too frightened to come see Timothy.

Through it all, despite all the attempted stimulation, Timothy lay with eyes closed or with a fixed focusless stare, his eyes moving mostly at random.

Once, at about 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 26, while *I Love Lucy* was on television in Room 4114, Reilly and Mrs. Tiernan saw Timothy smiling. Moments like that filled his mother with renewed hope, she said. But the smile was not repeated and his doctors say they have seen no tangible evidence of progress in months.

Meticulous Record Kept

Patricia Tiernan has kept a meticulous record of the entire tragedy, in the form of a calendar written to her son. "From today, we will keep a daily log," she wrote last September, "it's impossible to tell all of the agony, despair, anger and denial we've gone through. That we will tell you as you awaken, and have the same feelings. Just remember our love."

The calendar chronicles the medical crises: two bouts with meningitis. Cerebral bleeding forcing installation of "shunts" to relieve pressure. Fevers, seizures and surgery.

Darkly written entries dominate October: "Timmy, Timmy, you certainly have had better days ... keep fighting babe ... you are one sick human being ... you have us all so scared."

The worst was over: "Timmy, Timmy, you are a heartbreaker. Today again you look so wonderful. Temperature down. Relaxed and rested-looking. Please God let it be uphill now."

The calendar recalls the changes of season and the events Timothy has missed: A December visit by Nancy Reagan the heavy snowfall of January, the Air Florida plane crash, the day a nurse took Timmy outside and rubbed snow on his face in a futile attempt to get a response.

Throughout the calendar, there is also

Wild animal orphanage struggling

By Stephen Taylor

CHIPANGALI, Matabeleland — Carmen does not look like a helpless orphan. A two-year-old with glittering green eyes, razor claws and fangs like skewers, she appears quite capable of looking after herself. "The fact is she is too tame," says Viv Wilson, scratching the young leopard's back. "Put her back in the wild and she would not last a month."

Carmen was orphaned when a farmer shot her stock-raiding mother. Here, in the bush of west Zimbabwe, she is in the company of other casualties of hunting, poaching and war at Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage.

The animals at Chipangali include elephants, lions, a range of lesser carnivores, antelope and primates. Wilson, formerly a research biologist with the Wildlife Departments of Zambia and Zimbabwe, established the orphanage in 1973.

Since then the number of animals in its care has grown to more than 150, representing almost 40 species. "Some of our animals have been orphaned by a mishap," Wilson says. "Others have been brought to us by people who liked the idea of having them as pets but found them becoming difficult as they grew."

Carmen is such an example. After her mother was shot, the farmer raised her until he decided she was taking an unhealthy interest in his children. Wilson is sure the farmer did the right thing. "Leopards are most unstable animals," he says.

The monkeys at his orphanage are also mostly former pets. During Zimbabwe's guerrilla war young soldiers adopted them,

stubborn hope. "I keep hoping you will awaken ... I keep hoping and praying ... somehow you seem alert ... I keep hoping you will awaken."

The brain, more than any other organ, remains largely a mystery, said another of Timothy's doctors, Joel W. Ray. Current brain research attempts to learn whether parts of the brain can be trained to take over functions of damaged parts, he said. "There are still too many unknowns," Ray said. "It would not be fair to him" to declare Timothy hopeless.

The success rate with patients such as Timothy is extremely low and gets lower the longer coma persists, according to medical literature. The "miracle" awakenings make headlines, but the overwhelming majority of long-term patients make little measurable progress, said Patricia Lojewski, executive director of Leir, which began its head trauma program in 1980 and now plans to convert the entire 114-bed facility to that purpose.

in the bush but later found the responsibility of ownership tiresome.

Chipangali has two young elephants, Mukwa and Muchibi, whose mother was killed in a game cull four years ago. They are now both about six feet tall and Wilson says they may have to be returned to the wild.

That is possible with elephants, which have no natural enemies, but it cannot be done with most species.

Mini is a kipspringer, a small and exquisite antelope. Rural voters gave her to a polling official at the independence elections as a gift. The official handed her over to Chipangali.

"We could never put her back in the bush," Wilson says. "She is completely unaware of predators and would probably seek out human company. Either way she would end up as a meal."

Mimi and other small creatures are kept in pens. Carnivores, such as Shangani and Shashi — an adult lion and his mate brought in as orphan cubs — are caged. Mature animals which pose no danger to each other are released into a 150-acre compound where they can be seen from a viewing platform.

Visitors are the main source of income for Chipangali but, in the face of mounting costs and an increasing animal population, Wilson has introduced an "adoption" plan under which friends of the orphanage trust pay for the maintenance of a particular animal.

Even so the operation runs at a loss, but Wilson hopes the possibilities for animal research and increasing visits by school parties will help his orphanage survive.

NEXT WEEK: Dr. Steincrohn discusses:

Saturday April 3

Although there's no proof that drinking very cold drinks in hot weather is harmful, nevertheless, persons should not gulp down iced drinks when overheated. For no other reason than moderation is the best policy.

Sunday April 4

Let's look for another name other than "Senior citizen"

Monday April 5

Hyperactivity sometimes runs in families. A father may have been



a hyperactive child, with the probability of having a hyperactive son.

Tuesday April 6

Otherwise undetected diabetes sometimes shows up in a mammography.

Wednesday April 7

Stress fracture of the upper calf bone (tibia) is sometimes mistaken for a bone tumor. These have been showing up lately in X-rays of young runners.

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War hero dropped from Viet Politburo

BANGKOK, March 31 (Agencies) — Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, who defeated the French at Dien Bien Phu and commanded the war against the Americans and South Vietnamese, was dropped from Vietnam's Communist Party leadership Wednesday.

Radio Hanoi reported that Giap, 69, was voted out of the party Politburo along with five other members. The general lost his post as defense minister in 1980 and was demoted last year from first deputy prime minister to third deputy prime minister. "He seems to be undergoing a gradual political eclipse, probably because of disagreement over domestic policies or a personality clash," a Western diplomat said in Bangkok.

But the party confirmed its faith in the top rung of its aging leaders on the closing day of its fifth congress. In a broadcast monitored here, the radio said Le Duan, 74, was re-elected secretary-general, the party's most powerful position. State Council Chairman Truong Chinh, 74, Prime Minister Pham Van Dong, 76, Vice Premier Pham Hung, 70, and the influential Le Duc Tho, 72, also retained their posts.

"Le Duan told the congress there had been errors and shortcomings in the leadership but it appears those shortcomings did not affect the top five," the diplomat said.

Giap at one time tipped as a possible prime minister, became widely acknowledged as a master of strategy in his campaigns against heavily armed Western forces. But he never received formal military training and once said: "The only military academy I have been to is that of the bush."

His first major triumph came in 1954 when he defeated French troops at Dien Bien Phu — a victory which resulted in the French withdrawal from Indochina and the creation of North and South Vietnam.

Giap — known to his followers as Nui Lua (the volcano under the snow) — went on two decades later to force the U.S. government to withdraw American troops from South Vietnam. On April 30, 1975, his army entered Saigon, ending the longest conflict of the 20th century and reunifying the country.

The congress unanimously approved a resolution saluting Le Duan's leadership in implementing domestic and foreign policies in accordance with a resolution of the previous congress in 1976, the broadcast said. The congress also decided that the new party leadership and government would formulate the 1981-85 economic plan and prepare subsequent plans by adopting "effective policies and measures to resolve problems facing production and the people's life."

Meanwhile, observers said in Paris Wednesday that a visible improvement in France's relations with Vietnam may put this country back on the Southeast Asian political scene after a prolonged absence. Although Paris and Hanoi continue to disagree over Vietnam's occupation of Cambodia, the visit to France April 8 and 9 of Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach will be the high point of an improving dialogue, they said.

It will be the first trip to Paris of a ranking Hanoi official since Vietnam invaded Cambodia in 1979. The visit by Thach will come after French Technology Minister Jean Pierre Chevènement starts an Asian tour in Hanoi next April 1 and 2.

President Francois Mitterrand's special adviser Regis Debray was there last month.

Despite mechanical problems

Columbia crosses several milestones

SPACE CENTER, Houston, March 31 (AP) — Home safely after a spectacular "toboggan" ride from space, astronauts Jack R. Lousma and C. Gordon Fullerton begin a week of debriefing Wednesday, recouping for experts their eight days of adventure aboard Columbia.

The shuttle landed with a thump Tuesday at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico after staying in orbit an extra day to wait out a sandstorm that scrubbed a landing the day before. It was the third test flight for Columbia, its toughest and longest. The spacecraft faces but one more test mission before it starts flying cargo for paying customers.

Lousma, arriving in Houston, called the mission "spectacular from end to end, particularly the toboggan down from upstairs." In overcoming all its problems, he said, "Columbia demonstrated a maturity that was really unexpected."

The spacecraft landed at 10 seconds past 1606 GMT Tuesday, completing a journey of more than 3.3 million miles and 129 orbits of the earth. It dropped from space and sped across western Mexico and the United States before diving toward a safe touchdown on a dry lakebed amid New Mexico's mountains.

Except for some missing tiles on its skin and a few scars and scratches, Columbia was in good shape. Technicians quickly drained surplus fuel and chemicals and towed the stubby-winged craft to a service area beside the desert runway. In about eight days, the spacecraft will be lifted atop a jumbo jet and flown to the Kennedy Space Center for refitting. A fourth flight is planned in June.

For Lousma and Fullerton, the adventure is over and it's time for the paper work. The

astronauts will spend hours over the next seven days speaking into tape recorders and answering engineering questions about the performance of Columbia. There was no question about how the two spacemen felt. Said Lousma from space: "This is really a beautiful flying machine."

Astronauts, space center workers and friends stood in a light rain Tuesday night to welcome the returning spacemen at Lincoln Air Force base near the space center. Lousma thanked the crowd, particularly for their prayers. "I've always said a few prayers are worth a lot of training," he added. Fullerton's speech was short. "My job was to lower the landing gear. Jack's was to land and make the speeches."

Neighbors decorated the yards at both astronauts' homes with signs of welcome. In nearby Friendswood, where Lousma lives, streets were lined with flags and more signs.

The third flight of Columbia reached several important milestones for America's space transportation system. The shuttle's eight days aloft was almost twice as long as the earlier two flights combined.

Lousma and Fullerton were able to use the mechanical arm in the cargo bay of the craft to maneuver a payload, thus proving the craft can be used to launch and recover satellites.

Columbia was exposed to rigorous extremes of heat and cold, yet performed well, giving confidence in the craft's toughness to space. Scientists who had experiments aboard Columbia were delighted with the results and said the spacecraft will be an ideal platform for experiments in the future.

Columbia was originally scheduled to land at Edwards Air Force base in California. When early March rains flooded

lakebeds, the landing site was shifted to White Sands.

When sandstorms disrupted plans to land Monday, Columbia proved it could wait in orbit for a better day and then showed its flexibility by landing on the unfamiliar runway.

The shuttle also proved its resilience against mechanical problems. A radio signal processor failed completely, but the craft had enough backup systems to continue flying without difficulty. A unit powering the hydraulic system overheated on launch and was shut down. It was turned back on or re-entry and worked well. Thirty-seven tiles fell off the craft's protective silica skin during launch, but they weren't in critical areas and caused no problems on re-entry.

When a critical TV camera on the "wrist" of the cargo arm failed, threatening to close it down, the astronauts found another way to guide the arm and complete the task. There were even plumbing problems — the toilet malfunctioned, but the astronauts were able to make it work at a slow rate.

The craft encountered some landing problems — it was slightly uneven when its rear wheels hit the runway, and a few seconds into the landing run the nose reared back for a moment. Flight director Harold Draughon said NASA was not yet sure about the cause of the problems, but said the shuttle was reacting as it would have to a gust of wind.

Columbia's first commercial payload is planned for late this year — a couple of communications satellites — but the craft and its sister ships, now being assembled, have a backlog of customers waiting to launch cargo.

Gets mixed reaction

U.K. mulls new riot law

LONDON, March 31 (AP) — A legal commission called Tuesday for new laws to deal with any more outbreaks of the riots that rocked many British cities last year. The Law Commission, a watchdog body headed by high court judge Sir Ralph Gibson, recommended that Britain's centuries-old common law be revised and specific penalties set for rioting.

The commission defined a "riot" as "three or more persons present together in public or private, engaged in an unlawful course of violent conduct. The conduct must be such that any reasonable person, if present, would be afraid for his or her safety." It recommended a maximum penalty of 14 years imprisonment and a fine.

For the offense of "unlawful assembly," it suggested a maximum five years in jail plus a fine. For an "affray," it recommended a maximum sentence of 10 years and a fine. Under common laws there is no maximum sentence

and a rioter could be sent to jail for life if a judge so decided. The proposal will be debated in public before legislation is sent to parliament.

Reaction to the proposals was mixed. A police federation spokesman welcomed "any tightening up of the law," but a legal officer of the National Council for Civil Liberties said the proposed laws were "sweeping, arbitrary and unclear." "Offenses such as riot, a fray and unlawful assembly are a dangerous shortcut to convictions when there is insufficient evidence to prove that someone has committed a specific offense," the legal officer said.

In his 168-page report last November on the riots that rocked London's depressed Brixton district and some 20 cities across the country, Lord Scarman, one of Britain's senior judges, said riot laws needed to be redrafted and made more specific.

Talks set in Angola

West revises Namibia plan

LONDON, March 31 (AP) — The five Western nations seeking to secure independence for Namibia, formerly Southwest Africa, will fly to Luanda, Angola, later this week in a fresh bid to persuade black African nationalists to accept their plans for constituent assembly elections. The Times of London reported Wednesday.

The daily, quoting official British sources, said a delegation from the so-called "contact group" will be led by Chester Crocker, U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs. Representatives from the other contact group members — Britain, France, West Germany and Canada — will also be in the delegation.

It will meet with Sam Nujoma, leader of the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) waging a guerrilla war for Namibian independence from neighboring South Africa, and representatives of black Africa's "front-line" states.

The Times said the group will present new

proposals on how the proposed elections be held in a bid to overcome black African complaints that electoral procedures already worked out by the contact group were too complicated.

The sources gave no details of the revised proposals, but said the basic principle of a split-level voting system for a Namibian assembly remains unchanged.

This involved giving Namibians two votes — one to elect representatives for half the assembly seats by proportional representation, the other for filling the rest in straight contests in single-member constituencies.

The five Western nations have rejected modifying this point because they fear that would alienate the South African government. Pretoria opposes any system that could give SWAPO an automatic majority in a Namibian parliament.

The five want to hammer out some form of agreement on the election proposals so they can finalize plans and get talks started on setting a time-table for the polling.

BRIEFS

LONDON (R) — Social Democrat Roy Jenkins returned triumphantly to the House of Commons Tuesday to resume a parliamentary career he interrupted to become top executive of the European Common Market. Social Democrats and their Liberal allies cheered as Jenkins — tipped to become leader of the alliances — was sworn in as member of parliament for Glasgow's Hillhead constituency.

TOKYO (AP) — Twenty-nine girls were injured in a stampede here Wednesday when about 500 persons gate-crashed a packed outdoor concert by Japanese pop star Toshinobu Tawara. Four of them were hos-

pitalized for treatment, police said. A crowd of about 28,000 persons, predominantly young school girls on a spring vacation, attended the mid-day concert, which was canceled after the incident.

PARIS (AP) — "July 14," a painting of flowers by the French artist Matisse, was auctioned Tuesday night at the Drouot Art Center for 6.8 million francs (\$1.096 million), a record for the French market, Guy Loudmer, the auctioneer said.

NAIROBI (AP) — Fifteen persons have died so far in an outbreak of cholera in the town of Busia in western Kenya, district commissioner Zachary Orwa said Wednesday. Busia is about 320 kms west of Nairobi, near the border with Uganda.

4 paratroopers killed in U.S. Army exercise

FORT IRWIN, California March 31 (AP) — Four U.S. Army paratroopers were killed and at least 24 were injured Tuesday as desert winds blowing up to 40 mph wreaked havoc on a massive military parachute exercise, authorities said.

Lt. Gen. Robert C. Kingston said two of the dead paratroopers had malfunctions in their parachutes. A third landed on heavy equipment that already had landed on the ground, he said, and a fourth apparently was dragged by the wind.

Nearly 2,300 troops participated in the jump. Statistically, according to Lt. Col. Ron Johnston of the 82nd airborne division, the average injury rate when a unit makes a jump is one percent.

Kingston emphasized the toll of 24 injured was preliminary but said winds on each of the five drop zones was below the 13 knots regarded as safe for peacetime jumps. He said that of 100 soldiers who reported to a field emergency treatment center, so were returned to duty.

Surinam forms cabinet

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, March 31 (AP) — Surinam's strongman Desi Bouterse has announced a temporary constitution and named a 12-man cabinet less than three weeks after an attempted coup against his military government. Surinamese officials said here Wednesday.

However, one of the appointees, Maj. Henk Fernandes, a member of the three-man ruling military authority, was found dead Wednesday after a helicopter crash, according to the Surinamese ambassador to the Netherlands, Henk Brade.



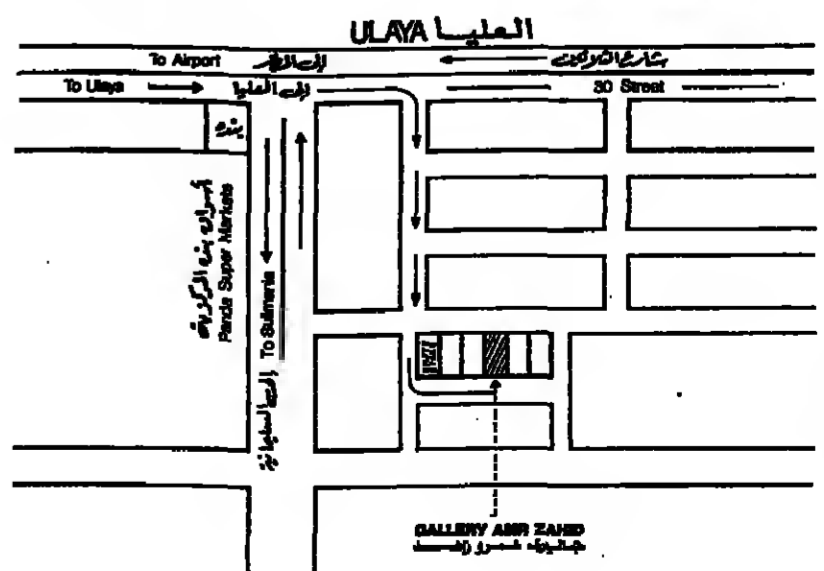
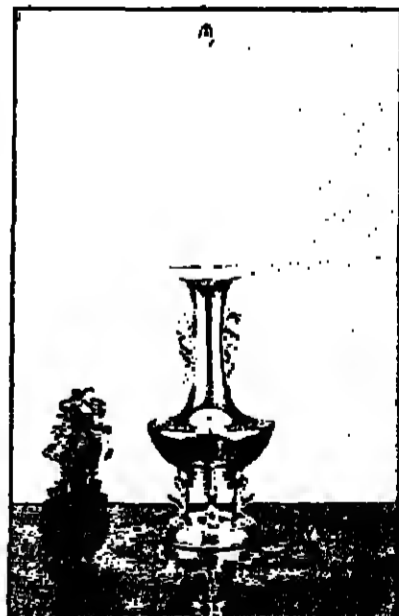
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Facing lengthy recovery

Polish official seeks 3-year wage freeze

WARSAW, March 31 (AP) — In the wake of the highest price hikes ever, a top planning official Tuesday called for a three-year freeze on wages and social benefits and predicted that Poland's economic recovery could take up to six years.

The official, Deputy Planning Commission Chairman Jerzy Gwiazdzinski, also said in an interview published here it could take three to four years to regain levels of production prior to the labor crisis in August 1980 that spawned the independent union Solidarity.

The forecast of a lengthy economic recovery was seen here as possible fuel for the martial law authorities' claim that tight control of industry and commerce will be needed for some time to come.

Since declaring martial law last December 13, Poland's rulers have been faced with the monumental task of rebuilding an economy saddled with a \$26 billion debt to Western creditors while meeting worker demands for union representation.

The Warsaw leader of the now-suspended Solidarity union, Zbigniew Bujak, said in an underground newspaper circulated here this week that Solidarity activists should conduct passive displays of "strength, presence and unity" to keep the labor movement active.

Meanwhile, in Washington, U.S. Under-

Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger predicted Tuesday a new internal crisis in Poland unless the martial law government "eases repression and solves the country's enormous economic problems."

Citing 30 years of Polish history, especially movements in recent years to demand reforms, Eagleburger said if existing political and economic conditions persist, inevitably there will be a problem internally in Poland. "At some point there is going to have to be an accounting," he told the Overseas Writers Group.

Eagleburger said he could not predict when the crisis might come or how authorities would handle it. He said Polish officials, after "a very skillful job" in the initial crackdown last Dec. 13, now have no plans to deal with resulting Western sanctions or the "monstrous economic problems" they have caused. Eagleburger said sanctions already adopted in concert with the Western allies had made the point abundantly clear both in Warsaw and in Moscow. "For the moment, they are sufficient," he added.

Among the steps Washington is holding in reserve, he said, are adopting a tougher line on rescheduling payments on the \$27 billion Polish debt to the West or declaring Poland in default.

Japanese top in shipbuilding

LONDON, March 31 (AP) — New merchant vessels built in 1981 around the world totaled 16,931,719 gross tons, up 3,830,615 tons from the "exceptionally low" level of 1980, Lloyd's Register of Shipping said in its annual report Wednesday.

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The statistics were only for ships of 100 gross register tons or more and excluded

wood and non-propelled craft. Figures for China, North Korea and Romania were incomplete.

Oil tankers accounted for the greatest tonnage at 28.1 percent of the total, down from 30.1 percent a year earlier or 4,750,059 gross register tons, an increase of 807,225 tons in 1980.

Bulk carriers were next with 7,080,430 gross register tons or 41.8 percent of all tonnage, compared with 22.5 percent in 1980 which was 4,135,233 tons less. General cargo type completions last year fell by 582,300 gross register tons to 2,112,977 tons, representing 12.5 percent of the total.

Fully cellular container ships totaled 516,265 gross register tons or 12.1 liquefied gas and chemical carriers. Fishing craft, totaling 407,913 gross register tons, accounted for the remainder of ships built, Lloyd's said.

Talks open today

OIC engineers cooperation in insurance

By Ahmad Shaaban
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 31 — The 42-member Organization of the Islamic Conference is holding two important economic meetings to help achieve integration among Islamic countries. An expert group on insurance and re-insurance begins its three-day session in Dacca Thursday, and a meeting on cooperation in telecommunications will take place in Kuala Lumpur, April 6-8.

The Dacca meeting will discuss, among other things, the possibility of having an institutional mechanism to strengthen and expand cooperation among Islamic countries in the field of re-insurance. It will also take up the exchange of information and manpower training in the insurance field. The one in Kuala Lumpur will mainly consider the draft statute of the Islamic Telecommunications Association prepared by Saudi Arabia. It will also review the progress toward implementation of recommendations of the first expert group meeting on telecommunications held in Jeddah, March 15-18, 1980. The results of both meetings will be submitted to the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs which will meet here later in April, prior to the 13th Islamic Conference of foreign ministers due to open June 6 in Niamey, Niger.

According to a study prepared by Bangladesh for the meeting, in most Islamic countries insurance came to be practiced as a part of Western influence and introduction of trade and commerce on modern lines

essentially necessitated insurance protection. Many of these countries were previously under the rule of one or another Western power. During such colonial rule, insurance came to be transacted in these countries by foreign insurance companies, or their subsidiaries. These foreign insurers basically catered to the interests of the ruling power and as such were least keen about the development of local insurance/re-insurance markets. Therefore, following independence most of these countries found their insurance industry in an underdeveloped state. There were few local companies capable of sound risk management and the dearth of technical expertise was particularly noticeable. As a result, foreign insurance companies and their subsidiaries continue to dominate in many of these countries. This has an adverse effect on the growth of indigenous insurance industry, while the foreign insurers, by virtue of the very nature of their operation, remit a large amount in foreign exchange in the shape of their profits, portion of direct premium income as well as re-insurance premium.

Islamic countries are now facing problems of capacity, and the problem of cartelization of Western insurers. The basic characteristic of re-insurance markets of most of the Islamic countries, which are in different stages of development, is that the capacity is much smaller than the actual requirement, necessitating placement of a large share of re-insurance business outside the country. This obviously involves remittance of foreign exchange on account of

Japan okays bill easing import tariffs

TOKYO, March 31 (R) — The Japanese Diet (parliament) Wednesday formally approved a bill cutting import tariffs on 1,653 items from Thursday, two years ahead of schedule.

The finance ministry said the average duties on the items would be reduced from eight to 6.75 percent.

The legislation also cut tariffs on luxury goods, semi-conductors and bananas from Thursday, the start of the 1982 financial year.

The ministry said the cuts, together with those already due under the 1979 Tokyo Round agreement of multilateral trade negotiations, would reduce Japan's tariff revenues by about 40 billion yen (\$162 million).

The government is now working on a second package of measures aimed at opening up Japan's markets for imports.

India, Chevron sign oil hunt pact

NEW DELHI, March 31 (AP) — The Indian government announced Tuesday that it had signed a 22-year agreement with the Chevron Overseas Petroleum Company of Texas for offshore oil exploration.

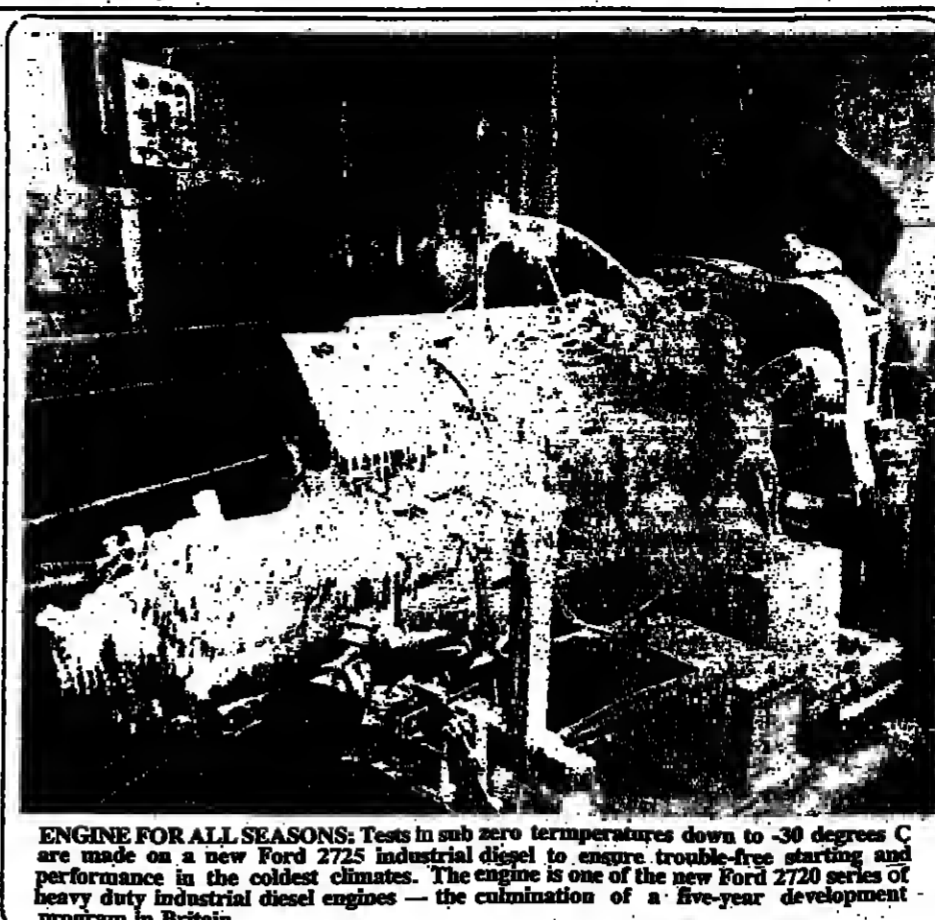
"The agreement signed last Friday provides that Chevron will bear the entire exploration risk and, if there is no commercial discovery, the entire cost will be borne by Chevron," Petroleum Minister P. Shiv Shankar told the ruling lower house of parliament.

Under the agreement, Chevron will drill exploratory oil wells 40 kilometers (25 miles) northwest of Bombay off the Gujarat coast for a maximum of five years, spending a minimum of \$29 million in the first three years.

The contract covers an area of 18,500 square kilometers (7,140 square miles). India's Oil and Natural Gas Commission will acquire a 50 percent working interest in the contract if hydrocarbons are discovered.

Part of the oil produced will be sold to the Indian government until "India attains self-sufficiency in crude oil," the minister said.

About 67 foreign companies responded last year when the Indian government called for bids for offshore oil exploration. Chevron was one of them.



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Fueled by separatism

Steel crisis grips Belgium

BRUSSELS, March 31 (ONS) — "The trouble with the Belgian scene," remarked a despairing commentator, "is that all the elements are so confused and bound up with each other." The fate of the sagging Belgian economy has got itself inextricably tangled with the workings of the European Economic Community.

Last week when angry Walloon steelworkers confronted Viscount Etienne Davignon, EEC commissioner for industry, they accused both him and the Belgian government of heartlessly playing ping-pong with the future of Wallonia's steel industry.

Steel, one of the five Belgian industrial sectors to be financed nationally rather than regionally, is a subject of dispute between the south of the country, where recession has hit deepest, and the north, where the industrial revolution came later and has stayed longer.

The Belgian government's plan to save what it can of the steel industry conflicts with the EEC plan to re-adopt or close down steel plants that are no longer viable. A six million ton reduction in production capacity, proposed shut-downs and heavy job losses are inevitable, according to a report prepared for the European Commission by an independent consultancy. The report holds out no hope for the future of Cockerill Sambre, the Walloon steel plant. It also opposes the building of a continuous casting plant at Seraing.

By 1985 all national aids to the steel industry will be phased out under EEC rules. Any remaining optimism was squashed when

Canada funds project to get oil from tar sands

OTTAWA, March 31 (R) — A major project for extracting synthetic crude oil from tar sands in northern Alberta was saved from collapse when the Canadian and Alberta governments gave last-minute financial support.

They pledged Canadian \$8 million (\$6.6 million) to meet the operating costs of the Alsands consortium until the end of April. As a result, the company postponed a deadline Wednesday for a decision on whether to keep the Canadian \$13.5 billion (\$11.2 billion) project alive.

Five partners with a 50 percent stake have pulled out of the Alsands consortium in recent weeks, leaving only three members — Shell Canada Resources, Gulf and the state-owned firm Petro-Canada. Energy Minister Marc Lalonde said the package would allow further talks aimed at finding a sufficiently attractive financial plan to bring in new partners.

Alsands ran into trouble because the two governments and the company failed to agree on the financial arrangements for the project. The company said Tuesday that attempts to attract new partners had been very discouraging.

Brazil turns to spot mart for oil buying

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 31 (R) — Brazil bought four million barrels of oil on the spot market in recent days and has temporarily suspended shipments from six regular suppliers, a spokesman for the state oil company Petrobras has said.

The six nations, the Soviet Union, Algeria, Mexico, Venezuela, Nigeria and Libya, normally supply Brazil with about 200,000 barrels daily. Iraq and Saudi Arabia provide most of the 700,000 to 800,000 barrels that Brazil imports each day.

The spokesman said that contracts with the six other nations had not been suspended. Brazil had simply stopped shipping crude from them for the past 16 days or so, because spotmarket prices of about \$28 a barrel were below contract levels, he said.

Brazil would continue to buy on the spot market if the price remained low, the Petrobras spokesman said.

'Car defect' costs GM Iraqi order

OTTAWA, March 31 (R) — Iraq's has decided not to go ahead with the planned purchase of 12,500 cars from Canada because it was not satisfied with a previous order, International Trade Minister Ed Lumley has said.

He told parliament the Iraqi ambassador to Canada, Abdo Al-Dairi, had told him that the deal will not be consummated.

Lumley said he had been told Iraq did not want to take up their option on the 12,500 Chevrolet cars, made by General Motors and worth about Canadian \$100 million (\$82 million), because of mechanical trouble with an earlier order. "They felt mechanical problems with the first 13,000 cars were such that they did not want to take the second order," he added.

Lumley said he did not know whether General Motors had received formal notice of the Iraqi decision. But Dairi hinted that it might not be final, telling a television interviewer there was still a chance the sale could proceed. The affair has sparked a political row here because the deal was insured by the government's Export Development Corporation, which may have to pay for the cars if it falls through.

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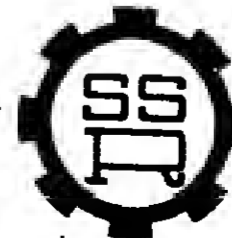
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Accord prospects dim

EEC debates farm price rises

BRUSSELS, March 31 (R) — Western Europe's 10 Common Market governments, still split by a damaging row over money, Wednesday began three days of tough bargaining on 1982 price rises for the EEC's eight million farmers.

Few diplomats expect agriculture ministers to come up with an accord during their marathon session, threatening even deeper divisions between their governments.

As in the long-standing dispute over Britain's payments to the budget of the European Economic Community, which marred a summit meeting of EEC leaders here Tuesday, the main protagonists will be France and Britain, the diplomats said.

The talks will also be held against a background of rowdy protests by the powerful farmers' unions, which Tuesday gave a forecast by burning effigies of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and French Farm Minister Edith Cresson in the streets of Brussels.

Mrs. Thatcher warned other EEC leaders that she would veto agricultural price rises due by April 1 unless Britain gets the cash rebates it is seeking.

But French President Francois Mitterrand, looking for a speedy accord on a double-figure farm price rise, rejected the latest compromise plan on the budget issue, due to be discussed by EEC foreign ministers at a meeting in Luxembourg on Saturday.

U.K. nabs 19 for gold fraud

LONDON, March 31, (R) — British customs officials said Wednesday that a ring netted 4.5 million sterling (\$8 million) by melting down tax-free gold coins into ingots, and then pocketing a 15 percent tax paid to them by dealers.

They were questioning 19 men rounded up in raids on London offices and homes about the huge gold fraud and said they expected some would be charged in the next few days.

The ring is suspected of melting down at least 26 million sterling (\$47 million) worth of Kruggerands and Canadian Maple Leaf coins and selling the gold as ingots to dealers.

They made their profit by pocketing the 15 percent value added tax charged by the government on ingots — but not on coins — which dealers paid to them.

"The profits were certainly in excess of 4.5 million sterling but could be very much higher," a customs spokesman told Reuters. He had no comment on reports that the take could be as high as 100 million sterling (\$180 million). In Tuesday's raid, police stopped a taxi in Hutton Garden, London's diamond district, and arrested a man carrying several gold bars.

Farmers, who rely for their incomes on the EEC's complicated system of guaranteed prices for a whole range of products from milk to olives, want a 16.3 percent price rise to compensate them for rising costs.

France, Italy, Greece and Ireland — all with large rural populations — have backed the farmers' demands for at least a double-figure increase.

Britain, however, blames huge spending on selling off the EEC's huge food surpluses for its budget problems. It has said that even the nine percent price rise suggested by the EEC commission is too high.

Diplomats said a compromise around 11 percent could be acceptable to all sides if there were a solution to the budget problem and adjustments were made to the artificial currency exchange rates at which farmers are paid.

In another development, State Department spokesman Dean Fisher said in Washington the United States is "very happy" at the decision by European Economic Community (EEC) leaders in Brussels Tuesday to examine with the U.S.

Confusion envelopes tin talks

LONDON, March 31 (AFP) — There was a growing air of confusion among members of the International Tin Council Wednesday as attempts were made to agree increased contributions to the buffer stock fund, in terms of money or metal, in order to bolster the support for sagging market prices.

As the fifth day of this protracted emergency session began, producers and consumers again met separately to exchange views of their respective governments.

Under the terms of the current (fifth) agreement only the producers are obliged to make mandatory contributions to the buffer fund. Some consumers have contributed, but only on a voluntary basis.

As an alternative to imposing strict export controls, which was the original proposal under the review when the council met in an emergency session March 18, delegates are now looking at a compromise formula.

Aluminum prices continue to slide

LONDON, March 31 (AFP) — Aluminum prices extended their recent downward trend to stand just a few pounds above the three year lows touched last November, despite the strenuous efforts by producers to reduce output.

Since the beginning of the year, prices have fallen about 10 percent on the London metal market to reach 54.25 pounds for cash metal and 56.75 pounds a metric ton for forward delivery, or 400 pounds (over 40 percent) less than the record established just over two years ago.

At the beginning of 1980, market stocks amounted to around 20,000 tons, but these were halved over the next six months, before

the question of Western credit for the Communist countries.

"We welcome this decision reached at the highest level and look forward to working closely with our allies in the coming weeks on reaching a common approach on this issue," he said.

Lawrence Eagleburger, the department's assistant secretary on political affairs, said meanwhile: "The West Europeans' policy on credits is chaotic and insane, and adds up to helping the Communist bloc solve its own problems." Eagleburger affirmed that credits were "a strategic issue intimately linked to the problem of East-West relations."

State department expert who wished to remain anonymous said the U.S. and West Europe needed a "new mechanism" for a credit policy toward the East bloc. It should be "a formidable means of applying pressure on the Soviets."

Eagleburger's remarks appear to confirm that the U.S. administration is giving priority to credit as a weapon, this taking precedence over any further American sanctions against the USSR.

This involves supplying extra cash to the buffer fund and also contributing metal to the buffer stock, which otherwise would have been withheld from shipment under an export control order.

Buffer stock manager has already been given authority to utilize existing stocks as collateral in order to borrow more funds.

Armed with these funds along with the extra financial support from individual member countries, and reduced shipments from producers, market prices were bound to recover from the recent nine months around which they have stagnated over the past month, trade sources said.

But consumers were still hesitating about the likely effect on their production costs should a sharp price rise occur, while producers were undecided about contributing or even lending metal to the council's buffer stock.

There began an almost unending increase as supplies poured into the warehouses. There are now nearly 200,000 tons in stock with the total having doubled since last September. The latest figures from the International Primary Aluminum Institute showed that world stocks of aluminum, including scrap topped the five million ton market last November and have grown steadily since then.

Producers, worldwide, turned out only just over 850,000 tons of primary aluminum in February, the lowest monthly production since September, 1976, over 20 percent less than a year ago, when daily output records were being broken.

Today's heavy selling was said to be rooted in pressure being exerted by banks on producers to repay existing loans.

In addition there were reports that the Chinese were offering aluminum in Europe at "competitive prices". Last year they sold about 18,000 tons to European traders. It is understood that the target for 1982 is 15,000 tons.

BAGHDAD, (R) — Baghdad-based Arab company is to be set up to build railway wagons under an agreement signed here Tuesday. Officials said that Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the Arab Company for Industrial Enterprises were contributing capital. The Romanian deputy premier and minister of foreign trade, Cornel Burtica, Tuesday discussed trade with Iraq's first deputy premier, Taha Yassin Ramadan and the communications and transport minister, Saadoun Ghaidan.

DUBLIN, (AFP) — Ireland's next commissioner at the European Economic Community will be Richard Burke, 50, who Tuesday announced his resignation as an opposition member of parliament. A former minister of education, he is regarded as a conservative figure. He was a commissioner from

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Bankers set to discuss Romania debt

PARIS, March 31 (AFP) — Nine Western banks who are Romania's main creditors meet in New York on April 19 to discuss restructuring the country's commercial debts for 1981-1982, banking sources said here Wednesday.

After Poland, Romania is the second country from the Socialist common market, Comecon, unable to honor outstanding debts to the West.

Bucharest's foreign debts are \$11,000 million.

Romania will not be represented at the two-day meeting organized by the United States Treasury.

Earlier this month, Romania suggested to 320 Western banks a restructuring plan spreading 80 percent of its payments over six years with a three year grace period.

But banking sources here said Bucharest failed since then to honor the remaining 20 percent of its debt payments and tried to include commercial credits which were not initially included in the debts to be restructured.

Romania made an eventual agreement more difficult, but neither party intends to break off negotiations at this point, the bankers said.

U.S. to lift curbs on use of airports

NEW YORK, March 31 (R) — Federal Aviation Administration chief J. Lynn Helms has said he anticipated that almost all restrictions on use of airports imposed during the air traffic controllers' strike could be lifted next year.

Helms told a meeting of the airline industry's wings club that the FAA, which is responsible for the U.S. air traffic system, will begin expanding operations at the 22 regulated airports from April 25.

"We expect to have the system back to better than 90 percent of its pre-strike level this fall," he said, with 100 percent operations restored by next spring.

Airline operations at major airports were cut back after air traffic controllers began an illegal strike last August for better pay and conditions. President Ronald Reagan ordered the dismissal of about 11,400 controllers who refused to end their strike, and airline services were reduced as a safety measure.

The service has been maintained by supervisors, military controllers and non-strikers, and the FAA is training new staff to replace those dismissed.

EEC inflation falls

LUXEMBOURG, March 31 (R) — Consumer prices in the European Economic Community (EEC) rose 0.6 percent in February, their lowest monthly rise for 18 months, the EEC statistics office said.

This slowed the annual inflation rate to 12 percent in February from 12.5 percent in January, it said.

The rise, which compared with an average one percent monthly increase in 1981, reflected static prices in Britain and very low rises in West Germany, Belgium, Denmark and the Netherlands, the office said.

BRIEFS

1977 to 1980.

TOKYO, (AFP) — A Franco-Japanese consortium has won a \$78 million contract from India to build three rigs for offshore oil exploration. The Indian Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) decided in favor of a group led by the French company enterprise De Travaux Petroliers Maritimes (ETPM). Also in the group are the Japanese companies Kawasaki Steel and Hitachi Shipbuilding and Engineering.

LONDON, (AFP) — Japanese buyers turned up in force at the latest British wool textile exhibition to sample and examine "up-market" fabrics on show in London over the past three days. This display of top quality British cloth also attracted keen interest from representatives from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United States, Canada, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Australia.

PEKING, (AP) — Thirty-five foreign oil companies will take part in the first stage of the first round of bidding for offshore oil, the China National Offshore Oil Corp. announced Wednesday. The corporation said 41 companies had been invited to bid in the first stage of the first round and 35 had submitted applications by 4 p.m. March 30.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted as of 9:30 p.m. Wednesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.05	9.08	13.85
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	15.45
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	279.00
Canadian Dollar	—	—	142.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	128.50	141.80	127.95
Dutch Guilder (100)	—	—	3.40
Egyptian Pound	—	—	93.00
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	—	55.25
French Franc (100)	—	—	52.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	36.55
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	26.60
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	25.90
Italian Lira (10,000)	—	—	9.80
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	—	12.00
Jordanian Dinar	—	—	69.50
Kuwaiti Qatir	—	—	57.00
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	—	6.14
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	94.80
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	177.25
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	57.00
Pound Sterling	—	—	3.429
Saudi Riyal (100)	—	—	74.90
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	35.450
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	4,220
Swiss Franc (100)	—	—	1,150
Syrian Lira (100)	—	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	—	—	—
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—	—

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by U.S. Bank Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6430932, Jeddah.

Dollar chalks up more gains

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 31 — For the second day running, the American currency continued to withstand profit-taking transactions and traded at strong levels against the major continental currencies. The Japanese yen fell to 248.00 levels before some determined Japanese central bank support helped it to trade at 247.30 levels. Also, for the second day running, the Federal Reserve Board in New York, drained reserves out of the system to push its "Fed fund" rates to 15 1/2 percent levels thus putting pressure on dollar interest rates to remain firm.

In the bullion markets, gold prices dropped back by between \$4 and \$5 to trade at \$320 levels from \$325.80 on Tuesday, while silver prices also wavered at just over the \$7.00 mark. Bullion dealers were anticipating some further price falls in the face of the firming dollar.

In the local markets, rial deposit rates were basically stable with some mixed results obtained for different tenors. In the short dates some rial rates came down to the week-fixed deposits to 13 - 14 1/2 percent from Tuesday's 13 1/2 - 14 percent but in the longer tenors there were rises of about 1/4 percent.

Most attention, however, was focused on the Eurodollar deposit markets where in London the one-month rate reached levels of 15 1/2 percent and the one-year was quoted at 15 7/16 - 15 9/16 percent. The continuing firmness in "Fed fund" rates and move by American commercial banks to increase their broker loan rates are all adding up to the general atmosphere conducive toward

further U.S. dollar interest rises for looming at the back of the money market dealers' minds is the unsettled question of the U.S. federal budget deficit.

In the exchanges, the German mark fell to 2.4250 levels before some moderate profit-taking pushed the rate up to 2.4110 levels, but the Swiss franc was even more depressed at 1.9460 at one stage compared to 1.9300 on Tuesday. The 1/2 percent cut in Swiss interest rates continued to affect the Swiss currency. The French franc was more volatile at 6.2650 to 6.3480 levels while the British pound fell to its lowest level yet to trade at 1.7780 compared with Tuesday's 1.7820 levels. It was the yen that was under intense pressure and seemingly headed toward the 250.00 levels before the determined Central Bank of Japan support helped to temporarily stabilize the rate at 247.00 levels.

In the local exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates opened at 3.4195-05 but some sharp interbank trading activity pushed the rate back up to 3.4205-15 level by mid-day. In the money markets, dealing was more moderate with the one-year deposit quoted at 13 1/2 - 14 percent and the one-month JIBOR at 13 1/2 - 14 1/2 percent levels. Overnight funds fell from 14 - 15 percent high reached Tuesday to trade at 13 - 14 percent Wednesday.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 321.25
Paris 326.88
Frankfurt 321.85
Zurich 320.50
Hong Kong 322.43

Congress raps aid to Egypt

By Nan B. Anthony
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 31 — Fiscal year 1983 budget proposals for economic aid to Egypt met with a barrage of criticism on Capitol Hill Tuesday. Members of the House of Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East subjected the director of the Agency for International Development's (AID) Near East Bureau to a grueling two hour session of questions and answers on past, present and future aid to Egypt.

Antoinette Ford, assistant administrator, AID, struggled mightily to defend the \$750 million requested in Economic Support Funds (ESF) for the coming year. In addition, \$271 million will be requested under the Food for Peace program, PL 480.

In making the financial requests, AID has proposed that two-thirds of the ESF be made available as grants and the remaining third be provided as a loan, payable over a forty year period at highly concessional rates.

"The rising frustration of members of Congress with this program should be obvious to you," Chairman Lee Hamilton, Democrat from Indiana, told the AID administrator at the end of the session. "We have heard the type of answers you were giving us this afternoon for the past five to ten years." Hamilton explained in a partial apology for the severe questioning to which the State Department witnesses were subjected.

Hamilton characterized U.S.-funded projects in Egypt as "the most important and enormous aid program in the world, and also the most visible. It is going to be increasingly difficult to get congressional approval for foreign aid projects which may not work while domestic spending for social services is being severely cut back." All of the subcom-

mittee members present heartily agreed with Hamilton in this assessment.

Slow progress on a large number of projects, funds appropriated but not spent as designated, Egyptian subsidies on gasoline, food and other items and the number of American personnel in Egypt were especially criticized.

According to Hamilton, 34 percent of Egypt's budget is spent on subsidies of wheat, rice, cooking oil and gas. While Morris Draper, deputy assistant secretary of state for near eastern affairs, disagreed with the percentage, he did acknowledge that the problem of food subsidies was "politically sensitive" for President Hosni Mubarak. "We are encouraging him to tackle the energy subsidy before food," Draper said.

Italy misses goal, minister admits

ROME, March 31 (R) — Italian Budget Minister Giorgio La Malfa said the government failed to achieve its main economic goals last year.

He called for renewed efforts to put into practice the three-year development strategy drawn up by his ministry in 1980, but so far largely neglected.

Capital investment programs included in the three year plan could, if immediately activated, add about three percent to Italian gross domestic product growth this year without adding to inflation, he told a press conference.

Presenting a budget ministry report on economic developments last year, La Malfa said the current account deficit of the public sector rose strongly in 1981, leaving no room for planned capital investment.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Makkah Municipality	Demolition of old houses and removal of debris; Maintenance of the asphalt of the city's streets	16	200	5.4.1982
Presidency of the National Guard, Riyadh	Building three adult education schools at Khassim Al-Aan	32401402	2,000	3-4-1982
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Fencing graveyards at villages of Al-Qasab rural complex	112	500	10.4.1982

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2.	Dyvi Pacific	Alireza	Vehicles	30.3.82
3.	Safina-e-Arab	S.C.S.A.	Rice/Oilseeds/Frt/Gan.	29.3.82
4.	Gulf Falcon	S.A.M.A.	Stl/Barley/Gen.	30.3.82
5.	Astir	A.A.	Bagged Barley	24.3.82
6.	Alexandros	A.A.	Bagged Barley	27.3.82
7.	Amsteddiep	Alsaada	Bagged Barley	22.3.82
8.	Star United	Bamaodah	Orza/Tst/Shoes	14.3.82
9.	Mona	Sadaka	Contr/Cement/Gan.	28.3.82
10.	Konkar Thetia	Alireza	Gen./BgdFood/Mobiles	30.3.82
11.	Poseidon	Shobokshi	Gen./Tmb/Stl/Contrs.	29.3.82
12.	Alcompos	Alireza	Contrs/General	30.3.82
13.	Vivian	El Hawi	Ganarel/Contrs.	30.3.82
14.	Patricia 'S'	Alireza	Containers	30.3.82
15.	Kagamaru	Alireza	Bulk Cement	27.3.82
16.	Achilleus	Rolaco	Flour/Wheat	29.3.82
20.	Mira 'S'	Alsaada	Barley/Gen/Contrs.	23.3.82
21.	Aegis Scope	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	27.3.82
22.	Kota Abadi	Abdallah	Gen./Stl/Contrs.	28.3.82
23.	Kara Hang	Fayez	Orza	28.3.82
24.	El Vina	H.S.S.C.	Timber/Gan/Units	28.3.82
25.	Al Shehabia	Star	Fruit	24.3.82
26.	Bora Universat	O.C.E.	Oranges	27.3.82
27.	Puerto Cadiz	Shobokshi	Potatoes	28.3.82
28.	Balmoral Universal	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken/Buttar	30.3.82
29.	Asteri	Star	Fruits	30.3.82
30.	Jala Gouri	Alsaada	Contrs./General	28.3.82

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 6.6.1402/31.3.1982 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS

1.	Lord Curzon	UEP	Bagged Barley	19.3.82
S-2.	Asia Samho	SMC	Gen/Stl	25.3.82
5.	Nedloyd Maji	Kanoo	Gen/Contrs.	30.3.82
7.	Gloria Star	Globe	General	28.3.82
9.	California	Alsaada	Gen/Rice	30.3.82
11.	Annoula	Alsaada	Gen/Rice	28.3.82
12.	Pegasus	Ori	Steel Pipes	23.3.82
15.	Paranassus	Ori	Steel bars	30.3.82
17.	Meij Maru	Gulf	Gan/Stl	29.3.82
18.	Coronia	Alsaada	General	26.3.82
20.	Dong Shan	Ori	gan/Contr.	30.3.82
21.	Strathrol	Kanoo	Gen/Contr.	30.3.82
30.	Kriti Emerald	Kanoo	Gen/Contrs.	30.3.82

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Iraq pulls out from Gulf soccer tourney

ABU DHABI, March 31 (R) — Iraq has pulled out of the Gulf Soccer championship to ease the path of reigning champions and World Cup finalists Kuwait. Iraqi press officer Amir Haqqi announced Wednesday, Iraq had led the competition followed by Kuwait with eight points, who, are now clear favorites to retain the title.

Amir Haqqi read a letter from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announcing the withdrawal, a day before Iraq were due to play Kuwait. "Because the tournament is of special importance to our brothers in Kuwait, which has national and brotherly ties with us and is our neighbor, we would like you to withdraw from the game in favor of Kuwait," the letter to the Iraqi team said.

The organizing committee would meet later to consider the Iraqi decision.

On the pitch Wednesday, Bahrain leaped from the second berth with a surprise 1-0 victory over Qatar while Saudi Arabia score a facile 3-0 victory over bottom-placed Oman.

The Bahrain-Qatar match was a thrilling affair all the way with Bahrain going on to record its third victory from five matches to aggregate six points and snatch the second berth on the league table following Iraq's withdrawal. They play their last match against Saudi Arabia.

Bahrain got their all-important goal, 15 minutes from the final whistle when following a flag-kick, a Bahrain attacker switched the ball over to Ibrahim Zwayyed, who made no mistake with it.

In the other match, action was focused in the first session, in which the fancied Saudi Arabians managed to find the target twice through Issa Hamdan and Jamal Farhan.

The Kingdom lads were head and shoulders over their opponents and within six minutes prolific scorer Majed Abdullah sent a neat through for Issa Hamdan to bulge the net. Jamal Farhan consolidated their position with a 29th minute goal to help the Kingdom cross over with a well-earned 2-0 lead.

But the second session petered into a tame affair, with neither side really exerting themselves. However, minutes from the final whistle Osman Marzouk got the third goal for Saudi Arabia to see them aggregate five points from as many outings and face Bahrain for the second berth on Friday.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kuwait	4	4	0	0	7	0	8
Bahrain	5	3	0	2	8	6	6
S. Arabia	5	2	1	2	5	3	5
UAE	5	2	0	3	4	6	4
Qatar	5	1	0	4	4	5	2
Oman	5	0	0	5	4	16	0

Wimbledon maintains trend

LONDON, March 31 (R) — Officials of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships Wednesday announced a near-doubling of prize money for this year's event and indicated there was a chance that five-time champion Bjorn Borg of Sweden would not have to qualify.

The championship committee said overall prize money was being increased to 503,366 sterling (\$1,056,120) from last year's 322,136 sterling (\$573,400). The figures include the tournament's Grand Prix bonus pool contribution. American John McEnroe, who won \$38,450 for his triumph in the men's singles last year, will earn \$1,667 sterling (\$74,167) if he takes the title again this time.

In the women's singles, won last year by Chris Evert Lloyd, the reward increases to \$7,500 sterling (\$66,750) from last year's 19,440 sterling (\$37,791). Last year, however, the players had the advantage of a higher dollar conversion rate — 2.40 compared to the present 1.78 — and All-England chairman Sir Brian Burnett gave this as one of the reasons for the increase.

Sir Brian said greater bonus pool contributions and a rise in players' expenses were other factors leading to the 84 percent increase. But he denied that the jump in prize money for this year's U.S. Open, from \$1 million to \$1.5 million, had any effect. "We did not know of the U.S. prize money when we decided what ours would be," he said. "In any case we don't believe money is the main criterion in being the best championship in the world."

Citing the other factors, he said a 25 percent rise was necessary "just to stand still in dollar terms." "Increases have been restricted to an average of seven percent over the last three years and this has not kept pace with inflation, the U.S. or French Opens or some other events in the United States," he said.

He said much of the increased expense would come from the extra Sunday being added at the end of the championships. The most striking comparison, however, was with the first Open Wimbledon in 1968, when prize money was 26,158 sterling. He said the men's plate event, for early round losers, would not be held this year because of the number of defaults last year, but a men's 35 and over singles event was being added.

On the question of Borg, Sir Brian said he would be discussing the matter with the Men's Professional Council and Grand Prix officials in Monte Carlo next week. Borg, who lost last year's final to McEnroe, has refused to sign for ten Grand Prix events this year and under existing rules must therefore qualify for every event he enters.

Sir Brian would not comment on the possibility of Borg not having to qualify for Wimbledon, but stressed that Wimbledon officials had a "clear view on the matter" which he would be stressing at next week's meeting. Should Borg have to qualify at the Bank of England ground at Roehampton, the public will not be admitted because of possible security problems.



HEADS HOME: Aston Villa's Tony Morley leaps above Arsenal's Paul Davis to head the ball past goalkeeper George Wood for his team's second goal as Chris Whyte looks on. Villa lost the First Division match 3-4 Saturday.

Ardiles may play in Cup final

LONDON, March 31 (AP) — Osie Ardiles, Argentina's soccer star, hopes to get time off from World Cup training to help Tottenham Hotspur win the English Cup again.

Tottenham's first step must be to overcome Second Division Leicester City in Saturday's semifinals. That is Ardiles' last game for Tottenham before he flies home to Buenos Aires to join his country's World Cup squad.

But if Spurs win, and go to the final at Wembley Stadium May 22, Ardiles plans to

Soccer results		
West Germany		
Eintracht Frankfurt	3	Moenchengladbach 0
FC Nuremberg	0	Bayer Munich 3
FC Cologne	0	Arsenal Bielefeld 1
Eintracht Braunschweig	1	Werder Bremen 1
FC Kaiserslautern	3	SV Darmstadt 1
France		
St. Etienne	2	Brest 0
Bastia	2	Lyon 0
Bordeaux	2	Monaco 1
Tour	2	Metz 1
Marseille	0	Paris St. Germain 1
Toulouse	2	Nancy 1
Laval	2	Besancon 1
Valenciennes	2	Le Havre 0

ask Argentinian manager Cesar Luis Menotti for permission to come back and help his club.

Ardiles, the artistic little midfielder, was one of the stars of Tottenham's triumph in the Cup last season.

"If we are in the final I will ask Menotti if I can come back for a whole week before the final," Ardiles said. "I think it will be possible." Keith Burkinshaw, Tottenham manager, would like him for two weeks. "That would make it more worthwhile," Burkinshaw said. "He might need that long to get back into the swing of English football. They play differently in Argentina."

The semifinals matches are between a First Division favorite against a Second Division hopeful. The other is between West Bromwich Albion, Cyrille Regis's team, and Queen's Park Rangers.

If both games go according to form, it will be Tottenham against West Bromwich in the final. The English Cup is traditionally full of surprises, but these usually do not happen in the semifinals, which are played on neutral grounds. Tottenham and Leicester play at Villa Park, Birmingham. Rangers tackle West Bromwich at Highbury, Arsenal's Stadium in north London.

Meanwhile Southampton, led by England captain Kevin Keegan, resumes its struggle to hold its precarious lead in the race for the English Championship. Keegan's men have to travel to Brighton, having won only three away games all the season.

Ipswich, only one point behind now and with three games in hand, is at home to Coventry and will be expected to win. So Southampton needs a win, otherwise it is likely to be toppled from top place again. Saints got back on top last Saturday.

Liverpool, also one point behind Southampton, is without a game. Ipswich, last season's runner-up, and Liverpool, champions four times in six years, appear the strongest challengers for the title at the moment.

In mathematical terms Tottenham has a good chance of catching the leaders, but it has a tough program ahead with commitments in both the English Cup and the European Cup of Cup Winners, in addition to a backlog of League games.

Spurs go to Spain for the first-leg of the European Cup of Cup Winners semifinals against Barcelona next Wednesday. The London team will be without Ardiles and striker Mark Falco, who has damaged knee ligaments.

Jeddah I retains Binladen trophy

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 31 — Jeddah I blanked out a determined Taif to retain the Binladen Telecoms trophy for the Jeddah Sevens Rugby competition at the Benson and Hedges Park last Thursday.

Though a strong wind made visibility poor by the blowing of sand particles, ten teams turned out for the mini rugby festival. The final between Jeddah I and Taif was fast-paced but well below expectation as the Jeddah side took advantage of the prevailing conditions. Taif could not demonstrate the fluid movement which had taken them to the final and were handed a 8-0 defeat.

Jeddah I and Taif had gained the final with hard-earned victories. While Jeddah I got the better of Jeddah II in a match which swung from end to end, Taif put an end to the spirited fight of Riyadh, who had caused the biggest surprise of the tournament with a first round victory over fancied Dhahran.

The scratch Riyadh team had beaten Dhahran by a narrow 7-6 margin as the three other semifinalists coasted through. Strong-running by a swift Taif team defeated Jubail, whilst the Jeddah teams defeated Yanbu and Arabian Homes.

The Plate competition saw a well-drilled Jubail run out eventual winners in an all coast final against Dhahran. The Royal Commission team from Jubail had made the final with a victory over their opposite number from the west coast, Yanbu.

Kvant extended

LONDON, March 31 (Agencies) — Lars Kvant of Sweden, the 12th seed, was the only leading player to come under pressure on the second day of the British Open Squash championships here Tuesday.

It took him 95 minutes to beat Briton John Le Lievre 9-2, 1-9, 9-6, 2-9, 9-6 in a first round match. The Swede continually complained about the speed of the ball, which he likened to the supersonic jet Concorde, and at the end he bit it in mock anger after his hard-fought victory.

Pakistan's Hiddy Jahan, seeded fourth and the highest ranked player in the bottom half of the draw after Australia's Geoff Hunt withdrawal with back trouble, also came through his first round match with a minimum of bother, beating A. Colburn of South Africa 9-4, 9-3, 9-2.

Christy Willstrop batted a run of nine British defeats by downing Magdi Saad of Egypt 9-6, 9-7, 3-9, 3-9, 10-3. Willstrop, 18, the British under 23 champion, saved a match point in the final game and went on to win in an hour and 13 minutes.

Gawain Briars became the second British player to reach the second stage when he defeated El Mair of Egypt 9-1, 9-5, 9-1.

In other first round action, Ahmed Safwat of Egypt beat John Easter of Britain 9-7, 9-4, 4-9, 9-2. Zahir Khan of Pakistan crushed Mike Robinson of Britain 10-9, 9-2, 8-3.

Ian Rush goals take Liverpool to 2nd spot

LONDON, March 31 (AFP) — Swansea City's hopes of going back to the top of the English First Division were dented Tuesday night when they were beaten 1-0 by West Ham United at home at Vetch Field.

To make matters worse championship rivals Liverpool and Ipswich town both won to leapfrog over them into second and third places. The title race is now heading for its closest finish for years, with only four points separating the top five clubs.

Swansea seem to be faltering after slumping to their second home defeat in four days. Beaten 2-1 by Ipswich on Saturday, they trailed to a 10th minute goal from Belgian Francois Van Der Elst, but could never make their later pressure count.

Liverpool made hard work of their 3-1 one win over Birmingham. Without injured captain Graeme Souness they struggled. They owe victory to Welshman Ian Rush, whose two goals took his tally to 26 for the season, making him the First Division's leading scorer.

Terry McDermott added the third. Birmingham got the consolation through new signing Mick Hartford.

Two goals from the lethal left foot of Scotland's Alan Brazil helped Ipswich maintain their championship challenge with a 3-1 win over Brighton. Ipswich still had to rely heavily on their goalkeeper who pulled off three smart saves before Mike Robinson finally beat him.

Aston Villa tuned up for next week's European Cup semi-final against Anderlecht with a 2-1 home win over West Bromwich Albion. Luton Town went back to the top of Division Two, beating struggling Orient. But it took them more than an hour to break down the visitors' stubborn defence. David Moss, with his 11th penalty and Ricky Hill,

Peru impresses in warmup

LIMA, March 31 (R) — A 39th minute goal by Ednardo Malasquez gave Peru a 1-0 victory over Chile Tuesday in a warmup match for the World Soccer Cup finals in Spain.

The result reversed a 2-1 defeat suffered by Peru against their southern neighbors in Santiago a week ago. Peru are drawn in Group One of the finals with Italy, Poland and Cameroon, while Chile face West Germany, Austria and Algeria in Group Two.

Peru, despite lacking star forward Julio Cesar Uribe and two strikers contracted to foreign clubs, took the initiative from the start. Jose Velasquez linked with Cesar Cueto in midfield to set up a stream of attacks on the Chilean goal. The goal was a just reward for Peru's early domination and demonstrated Malasquez's brilliant finishing.

A chip forward was headed down to Guillermo La Rosa who pushed the ball across the edge of the area and Malasquez hammered a low right-foot shot inside Osce's right-hand post.

The goal spurred the Chileans to counter-attack and only superb saves by Ramon Quiroga prevented them from equalizing

scored the goals that put Luton a point clear of Watford with a game in hand.

Cup semifinalists Leicester City battled to a 1-1 draw at Shrewsbury despite having midfielder man Kelly sent off for a foul after 34 minutes.

Meanwhile, it was announced by the Bilbao organizing committee Secretary Javier, that English and French football fans will be strictly separated to avoid trouble during the World Cup Group Four match on June 16. The decision follows warning from the English Football Association and the British foreign office over the possible unruly behavior by fans.

In the European Youth Soccer Championship qualifying round, Wales lost to the Netherlands on penalties in the Netherlands.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw with Mark Hughes scoring for Wales in the seventh minute and Marco Van Basten restoring parity in the 48th minute. The shootout was won by the Dutch 6-5. The first leg in Newport too ended in a 1-1 draw.

Results		
English Division One		
Aston Villa	2	West Bromwich 1
Ipswich	3	Brighton 1
Liverpool	3	Birmingham 1
Swansea	0	West Ham 0
Division Two		
Cardiff	2	Oxford 0
Luton	2	Crewe 1
Shrewsbury	1	Leicester 1
Division Three		
Huddersfield	2	Newport 0
Division Four		
Colchester	0	Stockport 1
Somerset	0	Bradford 0
Sheffield United	1	Blackpool 1
Wigan	2	Blackpool 0
Scottish Division One		
Queen's Park	2	Kilmarnock 3
Division Two		
Clyde	3	Stirling 3
Seahousemuir	0	Alloa 1



GOING GREAT GUNS: Oxford University (right) on their way to victory in the Boat Race Saturday. The strong Oxford oarsmen out-rowed Cambridge for the seventh straight year, the highlight of their victory being the participation of Boris Rankov for the fifth consecutive year.

To glory in World Cup Soccer

Injuries may hinder Germans' path

FRANKFURT, West Germany, March 31 (AP) — West German soccer coach Jupp Derwall hopes for better days. The health of a handful of prominent German international stars casts doubt on their team's chances in the World Cup in Spain.

West Germany goes into the tournament with an impressive international record. The Germans were runners-up to England in 1966, winners in 1974 when the tournament was staged in Germany, and are reigning European champions.

Derwall finished his planning for the tournament in Spain some months ago, apparently, leaving little possibility for a newcomer to get into the squad. But now all seems different. In the past few weeks the list of international players injured has grown longer and longer. "We realize we have to improvise," Derwall said.

Felix Magath, Bernd Schuster and Hans

Mueller, three of West Germany's key midfielders, are out of action with injuries. Magath, 28-year-old star of Hamburg, underwent a complicated knee operation, which makes his return to the national squad for the World Cup doubtful. Mueller, from Stuttgart, who is seeking a transfer to an Italian club next season, tested his fitness recently by playing for the first time after an operation last November.

Schuster, who suffered a knee injury while playing for Barcelona, faced a long lay-off. The absence of the rising star would be heavy blow to West Germany. The Germans began their World Cup warmup preparations with a 3-1 win over Portugal in Hanover in February. Last week, they played to a 1-1 tie against Argentina. The Germans plan to play Czechoslovakia in Cologne in mid-April, and Norway in Oslo in May.

That is when Derwall is expected to finalize

his 22-man squad. He will take his men to a training camp in the Black Forest before going on to Spain. Derwall took over as national coach in 1978 and had a run of success. Under his direction West Germany was unbeaten in 23 international games in 26 months. But in 1981 the team suffered a setback.

Of eleven international games last year Derwall's team won eight and lost three. Twice the Germans bowed to three-times World Cup winner Brazil, 1-4 at the "Mini World Cup" in Uruguay last January and 1-2 at home in Stuttgart in May. The third defeat was 1-2 against Argentina in Uruguay. "Two defeats against Brazil were unsettling at the time," Jupp warned. "The Brazilians gave us a lesson."

Derwall, himself a former international player, gives no official hint of who will be on the squad for the World Cup. But there are some sure bets for the lineup in Spain.

One of the safest is goalkeeper Harald Schumacher, 27-year-old Cologne star and Germany's undisputed No. 1. "Tom" Schumacher, a close personal friend and former teammate of Bernd Schuster, was one of the strong men of the German team during the European qualifying tournament.

In the defense Manfred Kaltz from Hamburg is a virtually certain choice. The 29-year-old Kaltz with 56 international games behind him, is the most experienced player Derwall has. He is one of the men remaining from the European Championship winning team of 1980.

Spanish footballers to go on strike

MADRID, March 31 (Agencies) — The Spanish Footballers' Association officially announced Tuesday that an indefinite players' strike would start on April 11 because of a continuing financial dispute.

If it goes ahead, the strike will affect the last three matches of the First Division season which is due to end on April 25 and the Spanish Cup final on April 14. The World Cup finals start in Spain on June 13 but are unlikely to be affected by the strike which will involve First and Second Division—

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At the expense of Supersonics

Nuggets strike it rich in overtime

NEW YORK, March 31 (AP) — The Denver Nuggets are finding a gold mine in overtime.

The high-scoring Nuggets won their 10th National Basketball Association game in a row and second straight in overtime Tuesday night, beating Seattle 145-142.

That gave them 285 points in the last two games, improving their already gaudy per-game average of 126 that will set a record if the Nuggets can maintain it in their last 11 games. The record team average was 125.4 by the 1961-62 Philadelphia Warriors, who had Wilt Chamberlain averaging 50.4 points per game.

"You've got to be a believer or crazy or something," Denver coach Doug Moe said of the latest victory over the Supersonics. "They had the upper hand almost all the way. But we just hung in there."

"We had to have this game and we won through determination," said Alex English, who scored 33 points for the Nuggets. "It's our second overtime game in a row and we're tough in overtime." English scored six points in overtime, including a running one-hander with eight seconds remaining that preserved the victory. "The last two games have been super," said Kiki Vandeweghe, who led all scorers with 35 points.

In other NBA games, Washington bombed Detroit 127-98. Milwaukee edged Philadelphia 116-114 in overtime. Golden State tripped San Antonio 113-107. Atlanta clubbed Chicago 107-92. Houston mipped Dallas 99-95. Los Angeles outscored San Diego 143-120. Portland beat Kansas City 109-99 and New York defeated Indiana 108-104.

The 10-game string tied the Nuggets' longest streak since they joined the NBA in 1976, set in December 1977 and January

1978. Gus Williams paced Seattle with 32 points and Jack Sikma had 29, while Dan Issel had 29 points for the Nuggets. The victory cut San Antonio's lead over Denver in the Midwest Division to 2½ games.

Bucks 116, 76ers 114: Sidney Moncrief scored nine of his 23 points in overtime, including a game-winning jump shot with one second left. Milwaukee, which has clinched the Central Division title but hopes to gain a home-court playoff advantage over Philadelphia, now trails the 76ers by one-half game in the Eastern Conference. Julius Erving scored eight of his game-high 28 points in overtime for Philadelphia.

Lakers 143, Clippers 120: Earvin "Magic" Johnson scored 29 points and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar added 28 to lead Los Angeles over San Diego, extending the Lakers' Pacific Division lead to 2½ games over Seattle and handing the Clippers their 10th straight defeat. The Lakers led by as many as 25 points in the third quarter and they coasted with reserves for much of the final period.

Blazers 109, Kings 99: Jim Paxson scored a career-high 33 points to help Portland snap a four-game losing streak with a victory over Kaos City. With Blazers playmaker R. Kevin Sidelined with an ankle injury, Paxson also passed for seven assists while hitting 13 of 19 shots. The Kings, after trailing by 13 points in the second quarter, cut the deficit to five in the fourth quarter, but Paxson scored seven straight points to put the game out of reach.

Warriors 113, Spurs 107: World Free scored 10 of his 32 points in the decisive fourth quarter and Golden State took advantage of George Gervin's foul trouble to beat San Antonio. The Warriors trailed 99-88

with 7:42 left in the game, but they outscored the Spurs 25-8 the rest of the way. Gervin scored 34 points, but 21 of them came in the first quarter and he was out much of the final period with foul trouble.

Rockets 99, Mavericks 95: Moses Malone scored 38 points and pulled down 20 rebounds and Elvin Hayes had 27 points and 14 rebounds to lead Houston over Dallas. Mark Aguirre's basket for Dallas with 45 seconds left tied the game 95-95, but Malone's offensive rebound and 12-foot jumper and Hayes' two insurance throws gave the Rockets the victory. Jim Spanakel hit 13 shots and scored 21 points for the Mavericks.

Hawks 107, Bulls 92: Reserve forward Tom McMillen scored 18 points and Dan Roundfield added 16 points and 18 rebounds as Atlanta stayed hot with a victory over Chicago. After the Hawks, who won their third in-a-row and seventh in eight decisions, led 52-44 at halftime, the Bulls cut the lead early in the fourth quarter. But 10 straight Atlanta points quelled the rally.

Knicks 108, Pacers 104: Campy Russell and Maurice Lucas scored 18 points apiece to lead eight New York players in double figures against Indiana. The Pacers led 85-72 after three quarters after Johnny Davis scored 13 of his 29 points during a 28-13 Indiana surge. But Davis didn't score in the fourth period in which the Knicks held the Pacers to just 19 points in the quarter.

Bulls 127, Pistons 98: Spencer Haywood scored 21 points to lead nine Washington players in double figures against Detroit. The Bulls scored 14 straight points in the first quarter and 12 in-a-row in the second to post a 66-36 halftime lead and they coasted the rest of the way against the Pistons.



Mark Edmondson...stages fine rally

In Frankfurt Grand Prix Ziff makes Lendl fight for win

FRANKFURT, March 31 (Agencies) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia encountered unexpected difficulties in subduing West German Christoph Ziff 6-4, 6-4 in the first round of the \$250,000 Frankfurt Grand Prix Tennis Tournament Tuesday.

Ziff held Lendl 3-3 in each set and twice broke the Czechoslovak, who has been having a terrific run from the start of the season, before bowing out to the world's second-ranked player. Australian No. 1 Peter McNamara had no trouble in beating American Craig Edwards 6-1, 6-3. Edwards displayed fine service but had nothing else in his armory which could penetrate McNamara.

Another Australian, however, did not have it easy. Mark Edmondson, who had a major hand in Australia's triumph in Davis Cup first round, staged a fine rally to oust West German Harald Thissen. Edmondson lost the first set but tightened up in the next two to chalk up a 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 victory. In a match which caused a mild flutter, American Vince Van Patten bested big-serving Brian Teacher, also of United States, in an extended thriller. Patten lost the first set, but came back to notch the next two for a final score of 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

In other first round actions, Jao Soares (Brazil) downed Mats Wilander (Sweden) 6-2, 6-4. Rod Frawley (Australia) beat Andrew Pattison (Zimbabwe) 6-4, 6-2. Time Mayotte (U.S.) defeated Karl Meiller (W. Germany) 6-7, 6-2, 6-2. Brian Gottfried (U.S.) got past Tim Gullikson (U.S.) 6-1, 6-4, and Tomas Smid eliminated fellow countryman Pavel Slozil 6-3, 6-2.

Meanwhile, Yannick Noah of France, the top-seeded player, had little difficulty in disposing of fellow countryman Henri Leconte Tuesday in the opening round ply at the \$75,000 Grand Prix Tennis Tournament in Nice.

Noah, playing much below par, moved smoothly to a 6-4, 6-3 victory. But second-seeded Balazs Taroczy of Hungary needed a little more respiration to advance into the second round. The Hungarian was in all sorts of trouble in the first set, which he lost, and was on the brink in the second when his Uruguayan opponent Diego Perez was serving for the match. But Taroczy found his touch in the crucial moment and drew level by taking the second after an extended battle and

stormed through the decider for a 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory.

In other first round matches, Fernando Luna (Spain) beat Christophe Roger-Vasselin (France) 6-1, 6-1. Mario Martinez (Bolivia) defeated Gilles Moreton (France) 6-3, 6-3. Manuel Orantes (Spain) ousted Marco Ostojic (Yugoslavia) 6-2, 6-4. Jose Gracia (Spain) beat Ivan Dupasquier (Switzerland) 6-3, 6-3 and Chris Johnstone (Australia) defeated Pablo Arraya (Peru) 7-6, 6-4.

In Zurich, graceful strokemaker Vijay Amritraj of India got the better of Australian Phil Dent 6-4, 6-4 in the opening round of the World Championship Tennis (WCT) Tournament Tuesday. Dent's power came to no avail against the delectable shots of the Indian in an absorbing tussle. Fancied Polish player Wojtek Fibak had to stave off American Eric Iksterky to gain the second round. Fibak won at 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Paul steers Jets past North Stars

NEW YORK, March 31 (AP) — Paul MacLean steered the Winnipeg Jets past the Minnesota North Stars in the National Hockey League action Tuesday night.

MacLean was on target twice as the Jets survived a six-goal shootout in the final period for a 7-5 verdict over the North Stars. Till the decisive period, the Jets led the North Stars by two goals, the lead which they had carved out in the first period.

Meanwhile, Tony McKetney and Gilbert Perreault each scored twice to lead the Buffalo Sabres to a 6-4 victory over the Quebec Nordiques. The period which made the difference was the second, when the Sabres got four to Nordiques' one. In other actions, Kent Nilsson scored two goals in the first period and set up scores by Willie Plett and Guy Chouinard to lead the Calgary Flames to a 7-5 triumph over the Los Angeles Kings. St. Louis Blues scored three in the first six minutes and added a pair by Jorgen Pettersson in the last stanza to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-3.



Maurice Hope...calls it a day

For European crown Cowdell batters Melluzzo

LONDON, March 31 (Agencies) — Britain's Pat Cowdell, who last December took world champion Salvador Sanchez of Mexico to 15 painful rounds in Houston, became European featherweight champion here Tuesday night.

The 28-year-old Briton, who needed 22 stitches after the Sanchez title-fight, stopped Italian title-holder Salvatore Melluzzo on a cut eye with two rounds of the scheduled 12 rounder to go. The referee intervened to stop the fight when the two men came out at the start of the 11th round.

Melluzzo was cut over the right eye in a clash of heads in the sixth. Cowdell reopened the wound in the ninth and the champion's face was soon covered with blood. The referee allowed the fight to go on for one more round before deciding to stop it.

Cowdell, who lost a split decision to world champion Salvador Sanchez, started slowly in his bid to become Britain's fifth European champion and the bull-like Melluzzo appeared to win the first four rounds.

But Melluzzo, who had lost only three of his previous 32 contests, tired as early as the fifth round and Cowdell, from Birmingham, began to take control. He crashed counter-punches into the Italian's face, which began to bleed heavily after a sixth round clash of heads.

The Briton was far more precise in his work and the Melluzzo began to look crude and clumsy as Cowdell took charge. The Italian was docked a point in the sixth round for hitting after the bell and another in the ninth for hitting at the Briton after he slipped.

By the end of the ninth blood was pouring from a cut under Melluzzo's right eye—brow and the referee called a halt after consulting with the doctor after the 10th.

In a support contest, British heavyweight prospect Frank Bruno scored a second round stoppage over American Harvey Steichen. Steichen had come 4,500 miles for just five and a half minutes of boxing, but this time he

Minchillo forces Hope to quit with split verdict

WEMBLEY, England, March 31 (AP) — Luigi Minchillo of Italy scored a split points decision over Maurice Hope of Britain Tuesday night to retain his European light-middleweight boxing title and sent former world champion Hope into retirement. Minchillo, making his second successful defense, finished the 12-round fight strongly to just shade Hope, the former World Boxing Council champion.

Veteran Hope, fighting for the first time since losing his world title of Wilfred Benitez of Puerto Rico, dominated the middle stages of the fight but tired badly towards the end. Minchillo who never has been knocked down in his professional career, finished the fight strongly, winning the last two rounds clearly. The 27-year-old Italian, from Pesapo, sel-

dom looked like knocking out Antigua-born Hope, but his aggression was enough to sway the judges. The referee sent the fight to Minchillo. One judge had it 118-117 for the Italian, the other judge scored the contest 119-117 to Hope.

The verdict was hoed by the Wembley Arena crowd, which clearly believed Hope's finesse should have been enough to give the 30-year-old Briton victory. But southpaw Hope, who relinquished the European title in 1978 to chase world honors, seldom had any snap to his punches.

The defeat almost certainly ended Hope's chance of a lucrative match against unbeaten Texan prospect Tony Ayala and a possible re-match with Benitez.

Minchillo, whose work was a little untidy early on but improved towards the end, boosted his record to 32 victories in 35 fights but is unlikely to have any world title ambitions. He lost to former world champion Roberto Duran in the United States last year.

Hope's manager Terry Lawless announced after the fight: "Gentlemen, this is the last time you will see Maurice as a professional." Hope won the World Boxing Council title against Rocky Mattioli of Italy in 1978 and lost it last May on a 12th round knockout against Wilfred Benitez, he was thoroughly disappointed with his form against Minchillo. Hope said: "I have been in with bettermen than Minchillo and I know that six months ago I would have taken him apart inside six rounds." He suited me down to the ground and he was a sucker for a counter punch. All I had to do was maintain it for 12 rounds, but I could not do it."

Hope was successively, British, European and world champion, but seldom attracted sellout crowds in Britain. He went to the United States to fight Benitez in his sixth World Championship fight (four wins, one draw and one loss) but the defeat apparently robbed him of his enthusiasm for sport.

Prophetically, Hope had inscribed on the back of his dressing gown, "One more time." But it wasn't to be. Lawless added: "I am delighted that he is retiring. I wanted him to do so. He has been a credit and he will always be a credit as a manager."

Minchillo came into the fight at the light-middleweight limit of 154 lbs. Hope scaled 152½ lbs.



Pat Cowdell...Britain's fifth champ.

had a chance to project that he is something more than just a fine figure of an athlete, the colored boxer's professional debut but two weeks lasted two and a half minutes and nothing was proved.

Tuesday night, although Steichen's resistance was not of the highest quality, the punch that put him down for his first count in the second round was a good one and he never really recovered from it.

The Londoner boxed patiently until his chance came before staggering the American with a short right and then dropping him with a flurry of punches.

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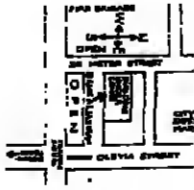
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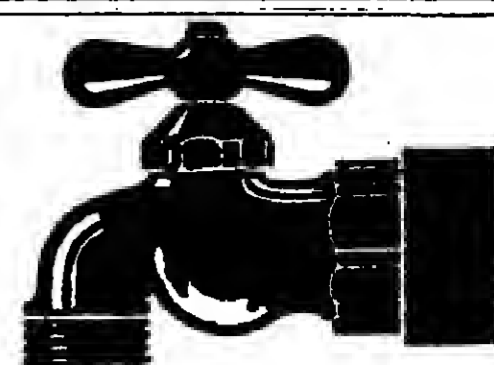
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DAMMAM 1-4-1982

NEDLLOYD BAHRAIN

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JUBAIL: P.O. Box: 122, Tel: 8329622.

Hapag-Lloyd AG Agent: Haji Abdullah Alireza & Co. P.O. Box: 8,
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CMB Agent: IACC Al Gosaibi, P.O. Box: 106, Dammam, Tel: 8322867.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SAUDI ARTISTS

Water & Sewerage Directorate-Eastern Province

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1. Height not less than 4 mts.
2. To be made in bronze.
3. To be erected on a marble-coated concrete platform.
4. Specify the period of construction.
5. Should not be derived from an existing sculpture.
6. Should give an impression of water and show the works of the Directorate.
7. An artist should submit a model of the emblem for approval.

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